
SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE 21, 2025, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY, JULY 1, 2025, AS CANADA DAY, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND HAWAII, THE INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, AND A COMMITMENT TO NEVER AGAIN ALLOW THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO SELF DETERMINATION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THEIR WILL.

1 WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Hawaii had foreign consulates in
2 numerous Canadian cities including Belleville, Brockville,
3 Halifax, Hamilton, Kingstown, Montreal, Ottawa, Rimouski,
4 Rockville, St. Johns, Toronto, Vancouver, and Victoria; and
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6 WHEREAS, the people of Canada and the people of Hawaii
7 share a long and enduring friendship; and
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9 WHEREAS, today Canada and Hawaii are both places of great
10 diversity amongst people, culture, and communities; and
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12 WHEREAS, both Canada and Hawaii also share long histories
13 fraught with challenges and injustice related to colonization
14 and exploitation of indigenous communities whose land and
15 sovereignty was taken against their will; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii was ultimately annexed by the United States
18 of America despite significant protest by its sovereign
19 government and people; and
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21 WHEREAS, while the past cannot be changed, today both
22 Canada and Hawaii share a commitment to advancing the rights,
23 preserving the culture, empowering new generations, and reaching
24 toward justice for indigenous and native peoples; and
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26 WHEREAS, while both Canada and Hawaii have much work yet to
27 do to reconcile historical injustice, today nations, including



1 the United States, continue to seek to acquire and annex other
2 countries, lands, cultures, and people against their will; and
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4 WHEREAS, Canada, the First Nations within its borders, and
5 its many diverse cultures and people, is a country independent
6 of the United States and should not be subject to pressure by
7 political or any other means, to cede sovereignty and self-
8 determination to the United States or any other country, against
9 the will of the people of Canada; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
13 that the people of Hawaii reaffirm an enduring friendship with
14 the people of Canada, and in Hawaii, recognize and acknowledge
15 three Canadian holidays, each important for different reasons to
16 different people, cultures, and communities throughout Canada,
17 which together serve as a reminder that every country, culture,
18 and people have a right to self-determination which must never
19 be taken against their will; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State recognizes June 21,
22 2025, as Indigenous Peoples' Day; July 1, 2025, as Canada Day;
23 and September 30, 2025; as Truth and Reconciliation Day, in
24 recognition of the enduring friendship between the people of
25 Hawaii and the people of Canada, and in acknowledgement of
26 Hawaii's history of annexation by the United States against the
27 will of the government and people of Hawaii in the past, the
28 United States' posturing to annex Canada against the will of the
29 people of Canada in the present, and Hawaii's commitment to
30 never again allow the sovereign right of a people to self-
31 determination to be taken against their will; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii invite the
34 people of Canada, and in particular leaders from all political
35 parties, First Nations, and indigenous cultures, to join with
36 the leaders and the people of Hawaii in an annual meeting and
37 forum, to discuss their shared history, work together on these
38 and other issues of mutual concern to continue building a
39 lasting friendship between Canada and Hawaii, and to reaffirm
40 the rights of the people of Hawaii and Canada to self-
41 determination are preserved, and the mistakes of the past are
42 never again repeated; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Canada;
4 Ambassador of Canada to the United States; Consul General of
5 Canada in San Francisco; Governor; Director of Business,
6 Economic Development, and Tourism; and members of the Hawaii
7 congressional delegation.

