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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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.

