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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS MARCH4WATER MONTH IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, water is an essential resource for sustaining  
2 life, promoting public health, and ensuring economic prosperity  
3 in Hawaii; and  
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5           WHEREAS, aging infrastructure for drinking water,  
6 wastewater, and stormwater faces a national funding and upgrade  
7 gap of over \$1,200,000,000,000 in the coming two decades,  
8 necessitating sustained investment to protect municipalities  
9 from environmental stresses; and  
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11           WHEREAS, an estimated 2,200,000 Americans lack access to  
12 running water, indoor plumbing, or wastewater service, and as  
13 many as 12,100,000 to 19,200,000 households in the United States  
14 currently lack affordable access to water services, imposing a  
15 substantial burden on low-income families; and  
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17           WHEREAS, Hawaii employs approximately two thousand six  
18 hundred plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters, representing a  
19 vital segment of the State's skilled workforce dedicated to  
20 maintaining the infrastructure necessary for clean water and  
21 sanitation; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the month of March provides a unique opportunity  
24 to align local efforts with global movements, such as World  
25 Plumbing Day on March 11 and World Water Day on March 22, to  
26 highlight the sustainable management of freshwater resources  
27 worldwide; and  
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29           WHEREAS, the International Association of Plumbing and  
30 Mechanical Officials - the global authority responsible for the  
31 Uniform Plumbing Code, which serves as the basis for safe  
32 plumbing systems in Hawaii - established March4Water Month in



1 2023 to advocate for secure and sustainable water systems  
2 through technical standards and policy work and is preparing to  
3 mark its centennial in 2026; and  
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5 WHEREAS, March4Water Month serves as a platform for  
6 communities to raise awareness about water conservation, access  
7 to safe drinking water, and the importance of investing in  
8 infrastructure; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that in partnership with the  
13 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials  
14 and Plumbers and Fitters UA Local 675, March is designated as  
15 March4Water Month in Hawaii; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages all Hawaii  
18 residents to participate in activities and programs that promote  
19 awareness, education, and actions prioritizing water as a vital  
20 resource for the State's future; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director  
24 of Health; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Mayors of  
25 the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai; Manager and Chief  
26 Engineer of the Board of Water Supply of the City and County of  
27 Honolulu; Director of the Department of Water Supply of the  
28 County of Maui; Manager-Chief Engineer of the Department of  
29 Water Supply of the County of Hawaii; and Manager and Chief  
30 Engineer of the Department of Water of the County of Kauai.

