

MAR 16 2026

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026 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 2,600 plumbers,
18 pipefitters, and steamfitters, representing a vital segment of
19 the State's skilled workforce dedicated to maintaining the
20 infrastructure necessary for clean water and sanitation; and

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22 WHEREAS, the month of March provides a unique opportunity
23 to align local efforts with global movements, such as World
24 Plumbing Day on March 11 and World Water Day on March 22, to
25 highlight the sustainable management of freshwater resources
26 worldwide; and

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28 WHEREAS, the International Association of Plumbing and
29 Mechanical Officials - the global authority responsible for the
30 Uniform Plumbing Code, which serves as the basis for safe
31 plumbing systems in Hawaii - established March4Water Month in



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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 Senate of the Thirty-third
 11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the
 12 House of Representatives concurring, that in partnership with
 13 the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical
 14 Officials and Plumbers and Fitters UA Local 675, March 2026 is
 15 designated as 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.
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