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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE UNITED STATES  
ARMED FORCES' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE'S EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE CAPACITY, AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE.

1           WHEREAS, the State's geographic isolation and limited in-  
2 state capacity for certain specialized emergency and medical  
3 services require strong coordination among state, federal, and  
4 armed forces partners; and

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6           WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces maintain unique  
7 capabilities in aeromedical evacuation, logistics, and emergency  
8 response that supplement limited in-state civilian resources;  
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11           WHEREAS, following the devastating fireworks explosion in  
12 Aliamanu on December 31, 2024, the Queen's Medical Center  
13 experienced an immediate surge in critically injured burn  
14 victims and their affected family members, placing extraordinary  
15 strain on the State's limited burn care capacity; and

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17           WHEREAS, recognizing the urgent need for specialized  
18 treatment beyond the State's available resources, armed forces  
19 leadership stationed in the State acted swiftly and decisively  
20 to coordinate aeromedical evacuation and airlift support,  
21 enabling injured patients to be transported to specialized burn  
22 centers in the continental United States for advanced, life-  
23 saving care; and

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25           WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces' rapid response  
26 reflected on-the-ground leadership, operational readiness, and a  
27 clear understanding of the State's healthcare limitations, all  
28 of which ensured that families affected by the Aliamanu tragedy  
29 received timely access to appropriate medical treatment; and

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31           WHEREAS, during recent natural disasters, including the  
32 2023 Maui wildfires, the United States Armed Forces also



1 supported emergency response efforts by deploying personnel,  
2 aircraft, lift capacity, and logistical resources to assist  
3 civilian agencies and first responders; and  
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5 WHEREAS, communities in the State honor the service and  
6 sacrifice of service members through events such as Military  
7 Appreciation Day, which is held at Marine Corps Base Hawaii and  
8 includes the Kaneohe Bay Air Show; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Kaneohe Bay Air Show is a free public event  
11 that welcomes residents, service members, United States  
12 Department of Defense civilian employees, first responders, and  
13 family members and features aerial demonstrations by the United  
14 States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, commonly known as the  
15 Blue Angels, and other armed forces units; and  
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17 WHEREAS, these coordinated efforts demonstrate strong  
18 collaboration among state agencies, healthcare providers, first  
19 responders, and armed forces partners and underscore the United  
20 States Armed Forces' critical role in providing life-saving  
21 support during emergencies, which strengthens the State's  
22 emergency preparedness, response capacity, and community  
23 resilience; now, therefore,  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes  
28 and appreciates the United States Armed Forces' contributions to  
29 the State's emergency preparedness, response capacity, and  
30 community resilience; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body affirms the  
33 importance of continued coordination and effective communication  
34 among county, state, federal, and armed forces partners to  
35 strengthen emergency response capabilities, ensure timely life-  
36 saving support during emergencies, and protect the health and  
37 safety of the State's residents; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the



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1 Joint Chiefs of Staff, Commander of the United States Indo-  
2 Pacific Command, and Adjutant General.

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