

MAR 16 2026

SENATE 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
32 2023 to advocate for secure and sustainable water systems



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1 through technical standards and policy work, and is preparing to
2 mark its centennial in 2026; and

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4 WHEREAS, March4Water Month serves as a platform for
5 communities to raise awareness about water conservation, access
6 to safe drinking water, and the importance of investing in
7 infrastructure; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
11 that in partnership with the International Association of
12 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and Plumbers and Fitters UA
13 Local 675, March 2026 is designated as March4Water Month in
14 Hawaii; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages all Hawaii
17 residents to participate in activities and programs that promote
18 awareness, education, and actions prioritizing water as a vital
19 resource for the State's future; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Health;
23 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Mayors of the Counties
24 of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai; Manager and Chief Engineer of the
25 Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu;
26 Director of the Department of Water Supply of the County of
27 Maui; Manager-Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply
28 of the County of Hawaii; and Manager and Chief Engineer of the
29 Department of Water of the County of Kauai.

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