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# SENATE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS MARCH4WATER MONTH IN THE  
STATE.

1 WHEREAS, water is an essential resource for sustaining  
2 life, promoting public health, and ensuring economic prosperity  
3 in the State; 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, the State 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 the State - established March4Water Month in  
33 2023 to advocate for secure and sustainable water systems



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 is designated as March4Water Month in the  
14 State; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages all State  
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.

