

1 **NAT 2012-01B Asking Hawai'i Congressional Delegation to request that the Director of the Office of**  
2 **Global Change of the United States Department of State propose to the Conference of Parties for**  
3 **the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that the United States host the 2015**  
4 **United Nations Climate Change Conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i**  
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6 Whereas, the United Nations Climate Change Conference is hosted annually on a rotating basis among  
7 the five regional groups of the United Nations; and  
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9 Whereas, the African Group hosted the conference in Durban, South Africa, in 2011; the Asian Group is  
10 scheduled to host the conference in 2012; the Eastern European Group is scheduled to host the  
11 conference in 2013; and the Latin America and Caribbean Group is scheduled to host the conference in  
12 2014; and  
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14 Whereas, the Western European and Other States Group, which includes the United States is scheduled  
15 to host the conference in 2015; and  
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17 Whereas, all climate change conferences to date have been attended by seventy to one hundred  
18 ministers and senior officials as well as their staff members; and  
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20 Whereas, Honolulu, Hawai'i, has proven that is fully capable of handling a conference of this scope and  
21 scale, as demonstrated by successfully hosting the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in  
22 November 2011; and  
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24 Whereas, hosting the United Nations Climate Change Conference would further enhance and reinforce  
25 Hawai'i image as a place to do business; and  
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27 Whereas, Hawai'i would be a convenient central meeting place for delegates from Asia, the Pacific Basin,  
28 and the Americas; and  
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30 Whereas, the governments of prospective host nations must submit expressions of interest or invitations  
31 to host a conference to the Conference of Parties for the United Nations Framework Convention on  
32 Climate Change; and  
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34 Whereas, such an expression of interest or invitation to host the United Nations Climate Change  
35 Conference must come from the United States Department of State; now, therefore, be it  
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37 *Resolved*, that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i requests that Hawaii's Congressional Delegation ask the  
38 Director of the Office of Global Change of the United States Department of State to propose to the  
39 Conference of Parties for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that the United  
40 States host the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i; and be it further  
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42 *Resolved*, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the Hawai'i Congressional  
43 Delegation; the Governor; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of the  
44 Hawai'i Tourism Authority; and Director of the Office of Planning.

1 **NAT 2012-01A Support for Control of Money in Politics**

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3 Whereas, the problem with money in politics is not so much the amount that is spent on campaigns as it is who pays  
4 for them, what they get in return, and how that affects public policy and spending priorities; and

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6 Whereas, the Supreme Court ruling in "Citizens United" allowing unlimited Corporate donation to political campaigns is having a  
7 major impact our government and our elected officials; and

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9 Whereas, the 2010 midterm election campaign was the most expensive in history, with hundreds of millions spent by  
10 anonymous, outside groups; and

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12 Whereas, some of the nation's largest and richest companies, including Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola, Koch Industries and AT&T, have  
13 joined forces to invest millions of dollars each year to promote the careers of thousands of state legislators and secure  
14 passage of legislation that puts corporate interests ahead of the interests of ordinary Americans; and

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16 Whereas, the DISCLOSE (Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections) Act would be an important  
17 step on behalf of transparency in politics because it would expose to voters the identity of large contributors to the ads  
18 they see and hear; and

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20 Whereas, the influence of anonymous, unlimited campaign contributions makes it probable that more environmentally  
21 damaging projects will be approved and environmental protections will be weakened; now, therefore, be it

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23 *Resolved*, that Democratic Party of Hawaii support a citizen-funded federal fair elections system, wherein qualifying  
24 candidates, able to provide evidence of support through district signatures, may chose to have their campaigns be publicly  
25 funded rather than seek outside funding; and be it further

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27 *Resolved*, that Democratic Party of Hawaii support national disclosure legislation, which will require all politically funded  
28 advertisements to disclose who paid for those advertisements; and be it further

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30 *Resolved*, that Hawaii Democrats call for the national civics curriculum to ensure that that every high school student  
31 demonstrates competency, appropriate to their abilities, in finding campaign contribution data and identifying connections  
32 between the contribution and the potential interests of the contributor which may affect their lives; and be it further

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34 *Resolved*, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, State Representatives and  
35 Senators, all County Mayors, and the Governor of the State of Hawai'i

1 **NAT 2012-02 Support for Marriage Equality**  
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3 Whereas, Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i mandates that: "Equality of rights  
4 under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the state on account of sex"; and  
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6 Whereas, The Hawai'i Supreme Court found that the State "failed to establish or prove that the public  
7 interest in the well-being of children and families, or the optimal development of children will be adversely  
8 affected by same-sex marriage"; and  
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10 Whereas, The worldwide movement for marriage equality largely began through efforts in Hawaii  
11 beginning over 20 years ago and continues to spread elsewhere; and  
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13 Whereas, The State constitution was subsequently amended and the Legislature then enacted a law  
14 restricting marriage to opposite sex couples, effectively denying same-sex couples and their families  
15 equal protection under the law; and  
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17 Whereas, The State recently enacted legislation granting civil unions to both same-sex and opposite-sex  
18 couples, but only opposite-sex couples can marry under State law; and  
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20 Whereas, Governor Neil Abercrombie has stated that limiting same-sex couples to civil unions does not  
21 provide equality in Hawaii; and  
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23 Whereas, The federal government and many other jurisdictions do not recognize civil unions; and  
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25 Whereas, Civil marriage is a civil right that does not impinge on any religion, nor require that any  
26 denomination perform a same-sex marriage ceremony if it is inconsistent with their religious beliefs; and  
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28 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has previously affirmed that the State should not interfere with  
29 couples who choose to marry and share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities and commitment of  
30 civil marriage, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; now, therefore, be it  
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32 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i finds the current state statute defining marriage as solely  
33 the union between one man and one woman to be unfair and inconsistent with our fundamental belief that  
34 all citizens are entitled to be treated equally under the law; and be it further  
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36 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party Hawai'i calls upon our Hawai'i legislators to pass legislation to  
37 ensure that all families are treated equally under the law as required by the Constitution of the State of  
38 Hawai'i; including but not limited to, equal access to marriage licenses; and be it further  
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40 *Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, members of the Hawai'i Senate  
41 and House of Representatives, Hawai'i Congressional delegation, and all declared Democratic  
42 candidates for every Hawaii elective office.

1 **NAT 2012-03 Presenting the Congressional Progressive Caucus “Budget for All” as in**  
2 **Alternative to the Obama and Ryan Proposals**  
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4 Whereas, when, in February 2012, President Obama released the White House 2013 fiscal year  
5 budget, it received some mainstream coverage in the mainstream press; and  
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7 Whereas, when, in March of 2012, Paul Ryan introduced the Republican “Path to Prosperity”  
8 budget for the 2013 fiscal year, it received considerable coverage in the mainstream press’ and  
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10 Whereas, when in March 2012, the Congressional Progressive Caucus Budget for the 2012 fiscal  
11 year, it was completely overlooked by the mainstream press; and  
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13 Whereas, despite the lack of coverage by the mainstream press, the “Budget for All,” is a  
14 responsible approach to addressing the country’s ongoing economic troubles; and  
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16 Whereas, the “Budget for All” achieves the same \$6.8 trillion in deficit reduction as the  
17 Republican budget, nearly \$3 trillion more than Obama’s budget; and  
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19 Whereas, the “Budget for All” proposal makes these same reductions in our national deficit  
20 without devastating the social programs Americans want preserved and by addressing  
21 “unsustainable tax policies, the war overseas, and the policies that helped cause the recent  
22 recession;” and  
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24 Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports policies that help improve the lives of the  
25 working poor and those in the middle class struggling to get by in these difficult economic times,  
26 by increasing taxes on the wealthiest 1 percent, closing tax loopholes and ending tax credits so  
27 the largest and most profitable corporations must pay taxes, and using those funds to restore the  
28 social service programs that have experienced budget cuts in the last several years; now,  
29 therefore, be it  
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31 *Resolved*, the Democratic Party of Hawaii recognizes the “Budget for All” as a responsible and  
32 reasonable alternative approach to the federal budget; and, be it further  
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34 *Resolved*, the Democratic Party of Hawaii encourages all Party members to compare President  
35 Obama’s budget to the Congressional Progressive Caucus budget and decide for themselves;  
36 and be it further  
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38 *Resolved*, the Democratic Party of Hawaii encourages the Hawaii Congressional Delegation to  
39 look at and consider, either parts of, or the entirety of the Congressional Progressive Caucus  
40 budget; and be it further  
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42 *Resolved*, the Democratic Party of Hawaii will post links on its website to the Congressional  
43 Progressive Caucus budget; and be it further  
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45 *Resolved*, the Democratic Party of Hawaii will transmit copies of this resolution to Senator Daniel  
46 Inouye, Senator Daniel Akaka, Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, Congresswoman Mazie  
47 Hirono, and Governor Neil Abercrombie.