

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1749

**A RESOLUTION supporting the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce and the  
First Nations Leadership Development Trade Mission to Kansas.**

**WHEREAS, The United States and Australia have a shared interest in ensuring their trade and investment agenda delivers inclusive economic growth and benefits for everyone; and**

**WHEREAS, Both nations are committed to work together in genuine partnership with indigenous businesses and stakeholders in the United States and Australia, and grow opportunities for Indigenous Peoples to enjoy the economic prosperity created by their two-way trade and investment; and**

**WHEREAS, Both nations have welcomed the opportunities that will be created by the announcement of a new United States funding, which will work with Australian government programs to support ongoing dialogue, knowledge-sharing and increased business opportunities for Indigenous Peoples in the months and years ahead; and**

**WHEREAS, "Kinaway" means exchange in the Gonnai language and the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce is the lead body representing certified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses in Victoria; and**

**WHEREAS, The Kinaway Chamber of Commerce is a charity established with the purpose of advancing Victorian Aboriginal businesses to actively participate and excel in both the national and international economy; and**

**WHEREAS, The Kinaway Chamber of Commerce's focus is on changing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives through a strength based model of business ownership and participation in the global economy; and**

**WHEREAS, The Kinaway Chamber of Commerce currently represents over 300 member businesses across numerous industries, more than 150 tier-one corporate partners, global alliance partners and thousands of supporters that directly contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business development by increasing employment and ensuring better health outcomes; and**

**WHEREAS, Each year, the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce hosts the Victorian Aboriginal Business Awards. In 2023 the awards included over 800 attendees. It is looking forward to an even larger event in 2024. Other Kinaway Chamber of Commerce events include the "Deadly in Melbourne-First Nations Business Expo"; and**

**WHEREAS, In the spirit of reconciliation and moving forward in unity, it is important that there is a meeting place for First Nations Australians, American Indians, new Australians and Global Alliance Friends to come together and share both the United States' and Australia's past and future; and**

**WHEREAS, Marking a milestone in the history of Australia, the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce Victoria Ltd. has lead the largest First Nations Leadership Development Trade Mission to America through its mission to the great state of Kansas, which seeks to establish new trade routes, collaborations and strengthen trade between the two nations: Now, therefore,**

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That Kansas supports the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce and the First Nations Leadership Development Trade Mission to Kansas; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That we affirm that the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce is the meeting place for Global First Nations business in Victoria; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Donald Betts and Senators Haley and Faust Goudeau.**

Senate Resolution No. 1749 was sponsored by Senators David Haley and Oletha Faust Goudeau.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*