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Tuesday, August 30, 2016  
9:50 AM  
State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

**Resolutions**

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 204**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk**

August 25, 2016

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 204—Relative to adoption.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 204, as introduced, Quirk. Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

This measure would designate November 2016 as Court Adoption and Permanency Month, and would encourage the courts and their local communities to join in activities to expedite permanency for children.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Consistent with its commitment to support practices  
2 and procedures that promote access to justice and improved case  
3 outcomes for California's children and families, the Judicial  
4 Council has recognized November as Court Adoption and  
5 Permanency Month every year since 1999; and

6 WHEREAS, Half a million incidents of child abuse and neglect  
7 are reported each year in California, and about 25,200 children  
8 enter child welfare-supervised foster care for the first time; and

9 WHEREAS, Nearly 61,900 children in California live apart  
10 from their families in child welfare: supervised out-of-home care;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Thirty-eight percent of the children in foster care  
13 in California have lived apart from their families for two or more  
14 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Twenty-four percent of the youth in care are  
2 transitional-age youth aged 16 to 20, inclusive; and

3 WHEREAS, Of the more than 29,600 California children who  
4 left foster care in the 12 months preceding May 2016, 52 percent  
5 were reunited with their families, 21 percent were adopted, and 7  
6 percent exited foster care without reunifying or obtaining a  
7 permanent home by the time they reached the age of majority; and

8 WHEREAS, Local courts and communities throughout  
9 California have created programs promoting permanency that have  
10 resulted in a reduction in the number of children waiting to live in  
11 safe, stable, and permanent homes; and

12 WHEREAS, The Judicial Council remains committed to working  
13 with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and  
14 communities to ensure that every abused or neglected child finds  
15 a safe, stable, and permanent home with a loving family as quickly  
16 as possible; and

17 WHEREAS, The Assembly and Senate are committed to  
18 working together to improve outcomes for children in the child  
19 welfare system; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
21 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates  
22 November 2016 as Court Adoption and Permanency Month, during  
23 which the courts and their local communities are encouraged to  
24 join in activities to expedite permanency for children; and be it  
25 further

26 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
27 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: August 30, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard S. Gordon, Chair  
ACR 204 (Quirk) – As Introduced August 25, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Court Adoption and Permanency Month

**SUMMARY:** Designates November 2016 as Court Adoption and Permanency Month and encourages the courts and their local communities to join in activities to expedite permanency for children. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Consistent with its commitment to support practices and procedures that promote access to justice and improved case outcomes for California's children and families, the Judicial Council has recognized November as Court Adoption and Permanency Month every year since 1999.
- 2) Each year in California nearly half a million incidents of child abuse and neglect are reported and about 25,200 children enter child welfare-supervised foster care for the first time. Nearly 61,900 California children live apart from their families in child welfare-supervised out-of-home care.
- 3) Thirty-eight percent of the children in foster care in California have lived apart from their families for two or more years. Twenty-four percent of the youth in care are transitional-age youth between 16 and 20 years of age.
- 4) Of the more than 29,600 California children who left foster care in the 12 months preceding May 2016, 52 percent were reunited with their families, 21 percent were adopted, and 7 percent exited foster care without reunifying or obtaining a permanent home by the time they reached the age of majority.
- 5) The Judicial Council remains committed to working with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and communities to ensure that every abused or neglected child finds a safe, stable, and permanent home with a loving family as quickly as possible.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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**Introduced by Senator Nguyen**

August 16, 2016

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 165—Relative to the Republic of Vietnam Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 165, as introduced, Nguyen. Republic of Vietnam Month.

This measure proclaims the month of October 2016 as the Republic of Vietnam Month, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the first Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, in honor of the lives lost for freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War, and in recognition of the positive contributions of Vietnamese Americans to the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, The people of the Republic of Vietnam (South  
2 Vietnam) and the United States found common ground in their  
3 shared principles of democracy and individual liberties, coming  
4 together to valiantly defend these tenets against communism; and  
5     WHEREAS, October 2016 marks the 60th anniversary of the  
6 adoption of the first Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam,  
7 which established that nation's first democracy; and  
8     WHEREAS, Until the Fall of Saigon in 1975, the government  
9 of the Republic of Vietnam sought to defend the lives, freedom,  
10 and property of its people and was at the forefront of the fight for  
11 democracy in Southeast Asia; and  
12     WHEREAS, In an effort to protect the democratic government  
13 of the Republic of Vietnam from socialist control, the United  
14 States, Australia, the Philippines, New Zealand, South Korea,

1 Taiwan, and Thailand fought vigorously to aid the Republic of  
2 Vietnam in their fight against communism; and

3 WHEREAS, Despite a valiant effort from countries around the  
4 world, Saigon fell, compelling nearly three million Vietnamese to  
5 flee the country in search of freedom and refuge in neighboring  
6 countries with approximately half of these individuals perishing  
7 at sea before reaching a safe haven; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States welcomed many Vietnamese  
9 refugees following the collapse of the Republic of Vietnam, and  
10 today, the State of California is home to more than 500,000  
11 Vietnamese Americans that enrich the social, cultural, and  
12 economic fabric of our state through their significant contributions  
13 to the fields of education, business, politics, arts, science, and  
14 technology; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, the Vietnamese American community  
16 throughout California and the United States remains vigilant of  
17 the state of affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam due to their  
18 continuous infringement upon the liberties of its people,  
19 specifically in the areas of child labor, human trafficking, religious  
20 and political persecution, suppression of the press, unlawful  
21 deprivation of life, forced disappearances, and land seizures; and

22 WHEREAS, Vietnamese American communities throughout  
23 California and the United States continue to put pressure on the  
24 government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with the hope  
25 of bringing freedom and democracy to the people of Vietnam,  
26 improving the quality of life of the veterans and disabled veterans  
27 of the Army of Republic of Vietnam and drawing attention to the  
28 plight of the wives of the fallen soldiers who continue to suffer;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, For their brave resolution to defend freedom around  
31 the world, Republic of Vietnam Month seeks to recognize the  
32 sacrifice of the more than 58,000 American service members who  
33 lost their lives to defend democracy in Vietnam, as well as the  
34 more than one million people, including service members,  
35 supporting personnel, and their families, who made great sacrifices  
36 and contributions to the fight for freedom; and

37 WHEREAS, Republic of Vietnam Month also honors the  
38 members of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and government  
39 officials, many of whom perished or were captured and held in  
40 communist labor camps where they suffered unspeakable abuses,

1 as well as to recognize the sacrifice of their families, especially  
2 the wives who displayed admirable courage in the face of tragedy;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, To honor the great sacrifices made in the fight for  
5 democracy, communities throughout California will dedicate the  
6 month of October as a time to reflect on principles of freedom and  
7 democracy and the sacrifices that have been made towards the  
8 attainment of these ideals, as well as to commemorate the  
9 anniversary of the first democracy of the Republic of Vietnam and  
10 to thank the millions of veterans around the world who fought  
11 during the Vietnam War; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
13 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
14 month of October 2016 as the Republic of Vietnam Month, in  
15 commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the first  
16 Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, in honor of the lives lost  
17 for freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War, and in  
18 recognition of the positive contributions of Vietnamese Americans  
19 to the State of California; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
21 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: August 30, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard S. Gordon, Chair  
SCR 165 (Nguyen) – As Amended August 29, 2016

**SENATE VOTE:** 35-0

**SUBJECT:** Republic of Vietnam Month

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of October 2016 as the Republic of Vietnam Month, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the first Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, in honor of the lives lost for freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War, and in recognition of the positive contributions of Vietnamese Americans to the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) October 2016 marks the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the first Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, which established that nation's first democracy.
- 2) Until the Fall of Saigon in 1975, the government of the Republic of Vietnam sought to defend the lives, freedom, and property of its people and was at the forefront of the fight for democracy in Southeast Asia.
- 3) In an effort to protect the democratic government of the Republic of Vietnam from socialist control, the United States, Australia, the Philippines, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand fought vigorously to aid the Republic of Vietnam in their fight against communism.
- 4) The United States welcomed many Vietnamese refugees following the collapse of the Republic of Vietnam, and today, the State of California is home to more than 500,000 Vietnamese Americans that enrich the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our state through their significant contributions to the fields of education, business, politics, arts, science, and technology.
- 5) For their brave resolution to defend freedom around the world, Republic of Vietnam Month seeks to recognize the sacrifice of the more than 58,000 American service members who lost their lives to defend democracy in Vietnam, as well as the more than one million people, including service members, supporting personnel, and their families, who made great sacrifices and contributions to the fight for freedom.
- 6) Republic of Vietnam Month also honors the members of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and government officials; many of whom perished or were captured and held in communist labor camps where they suffered unspeakable abuses, as well as to recognize the sacrifice of their families, especially the wives who displayed admirable courage in the face of tragedy.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**



None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

08/30/2016

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

Assembly Bill No.

[ABX1 26](#)

Committee:

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 8/29/2016  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referral

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Attached is a bill referral recommendation.



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