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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 6/29/2022
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

06/30/2022

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>HR 120</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 122</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 92</u>	JUD.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 23, 2022

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 116

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

January 3, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to California Surfing Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 116, as amended, Nguyen. California Surfing Day.

This measure would recognize September 20, 2022, and every year on that date thereafter, as California Surfing Day to celebrate the California surfing lifestyle, would commend all those who honor the history, culture, and future of surfing, as well as the sport of surfing and the protection of our beach and ocean environments, would express support for future surfers and encourage potential surfing Olympians to work diligently, and would encourage all Californians to enjoy California Surfing Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California Surfing Day, which was first observed
2 on September 20, 2018, and annually on that day thereafter, was
3 adopted by surfers of all ages in the City of Huntington Beach to
4 unify surfers throughout the State of California and from around
5 the world to celebrate one very special day where we collectively
6 honor the California surfing lifestyle; and

7 WHEREAS, For the first time in history, surfing ~~will mark~~ *made*
8 its Olympic sport debut at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in

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1 Tokyo, ~~representing~~ *marking* a chance to encourage ocean
2 awareness in support of our future young surfers; and

3 WHEREAS, This special day will bring together thousands of
4 ocean and beach lovers, surfers, and millions of visitors who travel
5 to California to experience the positive vibes of surfing, the
6 innovation, the culture, and all the fun that comes along with the
7 sport; and

8 WHEREAS, California’s coastline spans 1,100 miles and its
9 beaches and coastal areas generate \$1.15 trillion in economic
10 activity annually; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States boasts approximately 3.3 million
12 surfers who spend between \$1.9 and \$3.3 billion each year on local
13 surf trips. The surfing industry, almost exclusively based in
14 California, generates over \$6 billion in United States annual retail
15 sales; and

16 WHEREAS, California has the largest ocean economy in the
17 United States, ranking number one for both employment and jobs
18 and gross state product at approximately \$41.9 billion; and

19 WHEREAS, California is home to iconic surf breaks, such as
20 Huntington Beach, Malibu, Trestles, Mavericks, and Rincon, which
21 are destinations for both domestic and international surfers; and

22 WHEREAS, The City of Huntington Beach, also known as Surf
23 City USA, is the holder of three surfing Guinness World Records:
24 for the largest surfing paddle out in “The Surfing Circle of Honor,
25 Celebrating Surfing in the Summer Games” on International
26 Surfing Day 2017, *and* for the largest surfboard and for the most
27 people riding a surfboard at the same time on International Surfing
28 Day 2015; and

29 WHEREAS, The cultural significance of surfing to California’s
30 identity is embodied in the multiple nonprofits and educational
31 centers devoted to the sport, including the International Surfing
32 Museum nestled in Huntington Beach, the Surfing Heritage and
33 Culture Center in San Clemente, the California Surf Museum in
34 Oceanside, and the Santa Cruz Surfing Museum; and

35 WHEREAS, Every year, California beaches host numerous
36 domestic and internationally recognized surfing events and
37 tournaments, including the National Scholastic Surfing Association
38 (NSSA) Championships, the Vans US Open of Surfing, The
39 Surfers’ Hall of Fame, Surfing Walk of Fame, and International
40 Surfboard Builders Hall of Fame in Huntington Beach, and the

1 International Surf Festival in the Cities of Hermosa Beach,
2 Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance; and

3 WHEREAS, International Surfing Day was established in 2004
4 and has grown to over 200 separate events in over 30 different
5 countries and continues to unite surfers around the world to
6 celebrate the sport of surfing while raising awareness and showing
7 appreciation for our coastal environment; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes
10 September 20, 2022, and that date annually thereafter, as California
11 Surfing Day, celebrating the California surfing lifestyle, ~~and~~
12 commends all those who honor the history, culture, and future of
13 surfing, the great sport of surfing, and the protection of our beach
14 and ocean environments, while supporting and educating our future
15 surfers, encourages our potential surfing Olympians to work
16 diligently, and encourages all Californians to enjoy California
17 Surfing Day; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 116 (Nguyen) – As Amended June 23, 2022

SUBJECT: California Surfing Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes September 20, 2022, and every year on that date thereafter, as California Surfing Day to celebrate the California surfing lifestyle. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California Surfing Day, which was first observed on September 20, 2018, and annually on that day thereafter, was adopted by surfers of all ages in the City of Huntington Beach to unify surfers throughout the State of California and from around the world to celebrate one very special day where we collectively honor the California surfing lifestyle.
- 2) For the first time in history, surfing made its Olympic sport debut at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, marking a chance to encourage ocean awareness in support of our future young surfers.
- 3) California’s coastline spans 1,100 miles and its beaches and coastal areas generate \$1.15 trillion in economic activity annually; and, California has the largest ocean economy in the United States, ranking number one for both employment and jobs and gross state product at approximately \$41.9 billion.
- 4) California is home to iconic surf breaks, such as Huntington Beach, Malibu, Trestles, Mavericks, and Rincon, which are destinations for both domestic and international surfers.
- 5) The cultural significance of surfing to California’s identity is embodied in the multiple nonprofits and educational centers devoted to the sport, including International Surfing Museum nestled in Huntington Beach, the Surfing Heritage and Culture Center in San Clemente, the California Surf Museum in Oceanside, and the Santa Cruz Surfing Museum.
- 6) International Surfing Day was established in 2004 and has grown to over 200 separate events in over 30 different countries and continues to unite surfers around the world.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

City of San Clemente

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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April 7, 2022

The Honorable Janet Nguyen
Member
California State Assembly
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RE: ACR 116 (Nguyen) California Surfing Day.

POSITION: Support

Dear Assemblymember Nguyen:

On behalf of the City of San Clemente, I want to express our support for ACR 116.

San Clemente is at the heart of California's beach and surf culture. The City of San Clemente hosts regional and national events, including an annual Ocean Festival and the 2021 World Surf League finals. It is also home of USA Surf and the Surfing Heritage and Culture Center. More than 10,000 visitors venture to the San Clemente area every day in recent summer seasons, with annual visitation of about 2.5 million people. San Clemente is a regional, statewide and national destination.

This measure seeks to recognize September 20, 2022 as California Surfing Day to celebrate the California surfing lifestyle. It would commend all those who honor the history, culture, and future of surfing, as well as the sport of surfing and the protection of our beach and ocean environments. ACR 116 would express support for future surfers and encourage potential surfing Olympians to work diligently, and would encourage all Californians to enjoy California Surfing Day.

Therefore, we want to thank you for introducing this measure and want to be counted as supporting ACR 116.

Please let us know how we may help in this regard.

Sincerely,


Gene James
Mayor
City of San Clemente

"The Spanish Village
by the Sea"

cc: The Honorable Pat Bates
The Honorable Laurie Davies
Members, San Clemente City Council

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 125

Introduced by Assembly Member Boerner Horvath

January 24, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 125—Relative to Women’s Small Business Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 125, as introduced, Boerner Horvath. Women’s Small Business Month.

This measure would designate the month of October 2022 as Women’s Small Business Month and encourage all citizens to recognize the economic importance of women’s small businesses in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, There are, as of 2019, an estimated 13 million
2 women-owned businesses in the United States, which employ
3 nearly 9.4 million people and generate \$1.9 trillion in revenue,
4 and this number is up 21 percent from 2014, a growth rate that is
5 more than double that of all businesses; and

6 WHEREAS, The number of firms is larger than the number of
7 employees because some businesses are one-woman ventures and
8 some women own multiple firms; and

9 WHEREAS, Between 2014 and 2019, growth in the number of
10 women who became part-time entrepreneurs was nearly double
11 overall growth in women who became entrepreneurs: 39 percent
12 compared to 21 percent respectively; and

13 WHEREAS, For the year 2019, women of color represented 39
14 percent of total female population in the United States, but

1 accounted for 89 percent of the net new women-owned businesses
2 per day.

3 WHEREAS, Women-owned businesses represent 42 percent of
4 all businesses; and

5 WHEREAS, There are still too few female investors and startup
6 entrepreneurs, making it more challenging to raise much-needed
7 capital; and

8 WHEREAS, Although more women are embracing
9 entrepreneurship, they often face challenges not typically shared
10 by their male counterparts, including defying social expectations,
11 limited access to funding, owning a sense of accomplishment,
12 building a support network and mentors, and balancing business
13 and family life; and

14 WHEREAS, While 79 percent of women entrepreneurs in the
15 United States feel more empowered now than they did five years
16 ago, 66 percent still report difficulty in obtaining the funding they
17 need to succeed; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite demanding and long hours, women become
19 business owners to implement a new business idea or vision, enjoy
20 the freedom of being an entrepreneur, or to solve a specific industry
21 problem; and

22 WHEREAS, Women-owned businesses are key to our overall
23 economic success, and their importance is rapidly growing; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
27 October 2022 to be Women’s Small Business Month and
28 encourages all citizens to recognize the economic importance of
29 women’s small businesses in California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 125 (Boerner Horvath) – As Introduced January 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Women’s Small Business Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of October 2022 to be Women’s Small Business Month and encourages all citizens to recognize the economic importance of women’s small businesses in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) There are, as of 2019, an estimated 13 million women-owned businesses in the United States, which employ nearly 9.4 million people and generate \$1.9 trillion in revenue. This number is up 21% from 2014, a growth rate that is more than double that of all businesses.
- 2) The number of firms is larger than the number of employees because some businesses are one-woman ventures and some women own multiple firms. Women-owned businesses represent 42% of all businesses.
- 3) Between 2014 and 2019, growth in the number of women who became part-time entrepreneurs was nearly double overall growth in women who became entrepreneurs: 39% compared to 21% respectively.
- 4) Although more women are embracing entrepreneurship, they often face challenges not typically shared by their male counterparts, including defying social expectations, limited access to funding, owning a sense of accomplishment, building a support network and mentors, and balancing business and family life.
- 5) Despite demanding and long hours, women become business owners to implement a new business idea or vision, enjoy the freedom of being an entrepreneur, or to solve a specific industry problem.
- 6) Women-owned businesses are key to our overall economic success, and their importance is rapidly growing.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 29, 2022

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 137

Introduced by Assembly Member Ramos

February 10, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 137—Relative to California Native American Day and the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 137, as amended, Ramos. California Native American Day and the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference.

This measure would recognize the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 23, 2022, and the annual California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference, to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, *More Native Americans call California is home to*
2 *and the state includes* more federally recognized Indian tribes than
3 any other state in the United States; and
4 WHEREAS, The cultural and governmental contributions of
5 the Native people of California have shaped the course of the state
6 throughout history; and
7 WHEREAS, California designates the fourth Friday of every
8 September as Native American Day; and
9 WHEREAS, California Native American Day is celebrated in
10 this state by tribes and communities across the state, and is a day

1 for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history
2 in schools; and

3 WHEREAS, California Indian tribes are committed to
4 contributing to the educational curricula provided by the state and
5 believe in providing new and improved educational resources about
6 the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by,
7 California Native Americans; and

8 *WHEREAS, One notable example of the preservation and*
9 *teaching of that varied cultural history is Robert Levi, a Torres*
10 *Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian from the Torres Martinez Indian*
11 *Reservation, who was instrumental in retaining and teaching*
12 *Desert Cahuilla bird songs to connect all with ancient knowledge*
13 *of the world and tell the story of how the ancestors came to the*
14 *homelands; and*

15 WHEREAS, This is the ~~third~~ *fourth* California Native American
16 Day since Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order
17 apologizing for the historical wrongs tolerated, encouraged,
18 subsidized, and committed by state actors against California Native
19 Americans; and

20 WHEREAS, We can never undo the wrongs inflicted on the
21 people who have lived on this land that we now call California,
22 but we can work together to build bridges, tell the truth about
23 California's past, and begin to heal deep wounds; and

24 WHEREAS, The Governor has also called for a Truth and
25 Healing Council to hear testimony and clarify the historical record
26 on the relationship between the state and California Native
27 Americans; and

28 WHEREAS, The California Indian Cultural Awareness
29 Conference will be held concurrently with California Native
30 American Day and will assist educators by providing new
31 educational resources regarding the rich and varied lives of the
32 California Indian Nations; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the importance*
35 *of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on*
36 *September 23, 2022, and the annual California Indian Cultural*
37 *Awareness Conference, to the enhancement of awareness of*
38 *California Indian culture; and be it further*

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 137 (Ramos) – As Amended March 29, 2022

SUBJECT: California Native American Day and the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 23, 2022, and the annual California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference, to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More Native Americans call California home and the state includes federally recognized Indian tribes than any other state in the United States. The cultural and governmental contributions of the native people of California have shaped the course of the state throughout history.
- 2) California designates the fourth Friday of every September as Native American Day. California Native American Day is celebrated in this state by tribes and communities across the state, and is a day for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history in schools.
- 3) California Indian tribes are committed to contributing to the educational curricula provided by the state and believe in providing new and improved educational resources about the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by, California Native Americans.
- 4) This is the fourth California Native American Day since Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order apologizing for the historical wrongs tolerated, encouraged, subsidized, and committed by state actors against California Native Americans.
- 5) We can never undo the wrongs inflicted on the people who have lived on this land that we now call California, but we can work together to build bridges, tell the truth about California's past, and begin to heal deep wounds.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 141

Introduced by Assembly Members Seyarto, Davies, and Nguyen
(Principal coauthor: Senator Melendez)

February 16, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 141—Relative to California Women Business Owners Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 141, as introduced, Seyarto. California Women Business Owners Month.

This bill would acknowledge the month of October as California Women Business Owners Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Although the business field has been historically
2 dominated by men, Californian women have paved a road for
3 drastic change. In fact, the country as a whole has witnessed this
4 change regarding the rising number of women in business; and
5 WHEREAS, Growing by the minute, women-owned firms have
6 increased at about a 3.9-percent annual rate within the last five
7 years. Since 1997, the number of businesses owned by women has
8 increased by 59 percent. California has been top ranked for its
9 growing number of women-owned firms over the past 17 years
10 and ranked 29th in growth of those firms’ revenues between 1997
11 and 2014. With over 1.55 million women-owned businesses
12 employing over one million Californians, California is now ranked
13 number one in the nation for women-owned firms. In Los Angeles
14 alone there are over 420,000 women-owned firms. Within the

1 state, nearly 130 women-owned businesses are established each
2 day, putting California in the lead nationwide; and

3 WHEREAS, California has been home to well-known,
4 women-owned businesses that have generated over
5 \$300,000,000,000 and created millions of job opportunities.
6 Companies like Mattel and Mrs. Fields are just two of the
7 companies that have generated millions of dollars and created
8 paths for success in California. Mattel, founded by Ruth Handler
9 and her husband, sold toys and dollhouse furniture out of their
10 garage in Hawthorne, California until Handler invented Barbie.
11 Today, Barbie brings in over \$1,000,000,000 per year for Mattel.
12 The story of the Mrs. Fields company truly epitomizes the
13 opportunity California offers and is a demonstration of women's
14 business acumen and ambition. The Mrs. Fields company was
15 founded by a young mother, Debbi Fields, who had no prior
16 business experience. Fields began her business in Palo Alto,
17 California, in 1977. Today, Fields' company is worth over
18 \$450,000,000; and

19 WHEREAS, Bridget Biddy Mason was one of the first impactful
20 women of color business owners in California and a leading
21 example of brave women to be honored, not only in business, but
22 as an individual. Born into slavery and later becoming a wealthy
23 business owner, Mason earned her freedom and began to purchase
24 commercial property in Los Angeles. She purchased one piece of
25 land for \$250 and turned that investment into a real estate empire
26 that came to be worth \$300,000 in 1884. Mason used her wealth
27 to make impactful, philanthropic contributions to Los Angeles and
28 its residents. She constantly fed the poor and provided shelter for
29 the homeless, bringing to light her admirable business intellect as
30 well as her generous heart. Mason began a legacy that would lead
31 to hundreds of successful women-owned businesses; and

32 WHEREAS, Businesses owned by women of color are growing
33 in number at rates exceeding the national average of all
34 women-owned firms. One in three women-owned businesses are
35 owned by women of color. Enterprises owned by women of color
36 represent 41 percent of all women-owned businesses and 29 percent
37 of all minority-owned businesses in Los Angeles. Businesses
38 owned by women of color have contributed billions of dollars to
39 the regional economy; and

1 WHEREAS, Growth is likely to continue as various women-led
2 programs and organizations are flourishing in California and are
3 consistently assisting women in business. The National Association
4 of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), for example, works to
5 represent the issues and interests of over 1.3 million women
6 business owners in California with nearly 60 chapters nationwide,
7 11 of which are in California. Additionally, research shows an
8 increasing interest in the business field among women. There has
9 been an increase from 32 percent of women in business school in
10 2011 to 39 percent in 2019. From 1971 to 2017, shares of business
11 degrees earned by women rose from 9.1 percent to 47.1 percent,
12 showcasing a 38-percent increase in women business degree
13 earners; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the State of California and its residents
16 acknowledge and appreciate the many financial and personal
17 contributions, historically and at present, women business owners
18 have dedicated to their communities and to the growth of the State
19 of California; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the month of October be acknowledged as
21 California Women Business Owners Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 141 (Seyarto) – As Introduced February 16, 2022

SUBJECT: California Women Business Owners Month.

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the month of October as California Women Business Owners Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Although the business field has been historically dominated by men, Californian women have paved a road for drastic change. In fact, the country as a whole has witnessed this change regarding the rising number of women in business.
- 2) California has been top ranked for its growing number of women-owned firms over the past 17 years and ranked 29th in growth of those firms' revenues between 1997 and 2014. Within the state, nearly 130 women-owned businesses are established each day, putting California in the lead nationwide.
- 3) California has been home to well-known, women-owned businesses that have generated over \$300,000,000,000 and created millions of job opportunities.
- 4) Businesses owned by women of color are growing in number at rates exceeding the national average of all women-owned firms. One in three women-owned businesses are owned by women of color. Businesses owned by women of color have contributed billions of dollars to the regional economy.
- 5) Growth is likely to continue as various women-led programs and organizations are flourishing in California and are consistently assisting women in business. Additionally, research shows an increasing interest in the business field among women.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA)

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



March 15, 2022

The Honorable Ken Cooley
State Capitol 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 141 (Seyarto)- Support

Dear Assembly Member Ken Cooley:

The California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA) is pleased to support ACR 141(Seyarto), a bill that designates the month of October as California Women Business Owners Month.

Since 1997, the number of businesses owned by women has increased by 59 percent nationally and California continues to be a U.S. leader in its growth of women owned firms and its undeterred promotion of women owned business opportunities. Today, there are more than 150,000 women-owned businesses that employ 1.3 million Californians.

ACR 141 celebrates women who have succeeded in owning a business and trailblazed a new course for women to be empowered in a previously male dominated world. Today, women are leading the domestic and international manufacturing industry, often not only running the operations but directing key innovation required on today's production lines. Their innovation and passion extends beyond the confines of just their business, but to recruitment, education and expansion in the fields of engineering, technology, and communications.

Women-owned businesses are the next generation of manufacturers and California job creators, and they contribute to the success of the state's economy. Manufacturing businesses alone have generated more than \$300 billion. It's of paramount importance that California continues to find pathways for those interested owning a California-based business and thriving at being a business owner. Perspective is crucial as the state re-emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic and begins the process of re-opening all sectors of the economy. Let's take this opportunity to further promote and open doors for the women leaders who will invest in our economy, take risk in owning their own business, and innovate for our next great generation.

For these reasons, CMTA is in **support of ACR 141.**

Sincerely, 
Lily Movsisyan, Policy Director

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Assembly Member Kelly Seyarto

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 28, 2022

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 209

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra

June 16, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 209—Relative to California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 209, as amended, Kalra. California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate the month of October 2022 as California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month. The measure would also recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions made by Californians of Hindu heritage to the state and seek to increase awareness and understanding of the Hindu American community.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California and the nation have been influenced by
- 2 the extraordinary cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity
- 3 of its residents; and
- 4 WHEREAS, There is an estimated one billion Hindus
- 5 worldwide, and approximately 2.23 million Hindu Americans live
- 6 across the nation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest Hindu American
- 8 population in the United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans in California represent diverse
- 10 ethnic backgrounds, including individuals of Indian, Pakistani,

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1 Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese,
2 Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent; and

3 WHEREAS, California and our nation have greatly benefited
4 from Hindu Americans, especially through the Vedanta philosophy,
5 Ayurvedic medicine, classical Indian art, dance, music, meditation,
6 yoga, literature, and community service; and

7 WHEREAS, The year ~~2021~~ 2022 marks the ~~128th~~ 129th
8 anniversary of when Hinduism was officially introduced to the
9 United States by Swami Vivekananda in 1893 at the World's
10 Parliament of Religions in Chicago, and the 121st anniversary of
11 when he founded the Vedanta Society in San Francisco, California,
12 in 1900; and

13 WHEREAS, Hindus are primarily an immigrant community
14 and first started immigrating to California and the United States
15 in the early 1900s, and came in increasing numbers after the lifting
16 of the Asian Exclusion Act of 1924 in 1943 and the abolishment
17 of quotas for immigrants based on national origin in 1965; and

18 WHEREAS, Most Hindu immigrants have come to the United
19 States as students, in search of better economic opportunities, or
20 to unite with family members, while others have arrived in this
21 country after facing religious persecution in their countries of
22 origin; and

23 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans and the Vedanta philosophy
24 have significantly influenced notable intellectuals such as President
25 John Adams, Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt
26 Whitman, J.D. Salinger, Christopher Isherwood, Aldous Huxley,
27 Huston Smith, and Joseph Campbell; and

28 WHEREAS, The first Hindu temple in the United States was
29 built in San Francisco, California, and at the dedication of the
30 temple on January 7, 1906, it was proclaimed to be the "First Hindu
31 Temple in the Whole Western World"; and

32 WHEREAS, There are now over 120 Hindu temples, religious
33 centers, and cultural centers throughout California, and the greater
34 bay area is home to over 40 of those temples and centers; and

35 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have greatly enriched
36 California's higher education university systems by teaching
37 numerous students, especially in the academic fields of
38 astrophysics, computer science, engineering, law, planetary science,
39 psychology, and neuroscience, and a majority of Hindu Americans
40 are in high-skill occupations; and

1 WHEREAS, Seventy-seven percent of Hindu American adults
2 have a college degree and nearly 50 percent of Hindu American
3 adults have a postgraduate degree, according to the Pew Research
4 Center; and

5 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans share the entrepreneurial spirit
6 of America and contribute to California’s economic vitality, having
7 been pioneers and leaders in Silicon Valley and founding several
8 of its early startups. Hindu Americans are estimated to be employed
9 in 40 percent of startups in Silicon Valley; and

10 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have also contributed to many
11 of California’s economic sectors and have particularly excelled in
12 the areas of business, law, politics, information technology,
13 medicine, and science; and

14 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans now serve in various levels of
15 government across the state and nation, including four Members
16 in the United States House of Representatives; and

17 WHEREAS, California Hindu temples, organizations, and
18 individuals actively engage in seva, a Sanskrit word for selfless
19 service, towards their fellow human beings through charity, public
20 service, and the provision of free medical and legal services; and

21 WHEREAS, Ahimsa, which is the Sanskrit word for noninjury
22 or nonviolence, is a central principle for Hindu Americans in
23 California, and it provides the ethical foundation for vegetarianism,
24 environmentalism, and harmonious living; and

25 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans in cities throughout California
26 celebrate numerous holidays and festivals, such as Diwali, which
27 celebrates the victory of good over evil and knowledge over
28 ignorance; and

29 WHEREAS, Despite their positive contributions to California
30 and this nation, Hindu Americans face stereotypes and
31 misconceptions about their heritage and have been the targets of
32 bullying, discrimination, hate speech, and bias-motivated crimes;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Hindu American religious symbols have been
35 misunderstood, including the sacred swastika, which translates to
36 “all is well” in Sanskrit and has been used in religious observances
37 for over 4,000 years; and

38 WHEREAS, Many Hindus and their families in California and
39 the United States face an uncertain future in this country due to

1 inequitable immigration policies and decades-long backlogs for
2 green cards; and

3 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans promote the ideals of tolerance,
4 pluralism, and religious freedom, which are inherent to their beliefs
5 and respect the diversity of all faiths, and the Vedas, the
6 5,000-year-old texts of Hindu Americans, provide the basis for
7 these core principles: “Truth is one, the wise call it by many
8 names” (Ekam sat viprah bahudha vadanti); now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
10 *concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the month of
11 October 2022 as California Hindu American Awareness and
12 Appreciation Month; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and acknowledges
14 the significant contributions made by Californians of Hindu
15 heritage to our state, and by adoption of this resolution, seeks to
16 increase awareness and understanding of the Hindu American
17 community; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 209 (Kalra) – As Amended June 28, 2022

SUBJECT: California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of October 2022 as California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month, and recognizes the significant contributions made by Californians of Hindu heritage to the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) There is an estimated one billion Hindus worldwide, and more than 2.23 million Hindu Americans live across the nation. California is home to the largest Hindu American population in the United States.
- 2) Hindu Americans in California represent diverse ethnic backgrounds, including individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese, Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent.
- 3) California and our nation have greatly benefited from Hindu Americans, especially through the Vedanta philosophy, Ayurvedic medicine, classical Indian art, dance, music, meditation, yoga, literature, and community service.
- 4) Hindu Americans have greatly enriched California's higher education university systems by teaching numerous students, especially in the academic fields of astrophysics, computer science, engineering, law, planetary science, psychology, and neuroscience.
- 5) Hindu Americans share the entrepreneurial spirit of America and contribute to California's economic vitality, having been pioneers and leaders in Silicon Valley and founding several of its early startups. Hindu Americans are estimated to be employed in 40 percent of startups in Silicon Valley.
- 6) Hindu Americans now serve in various levels of government across the state and nation, including four Members in the United States House of Representatives.
- 7) Ahimsa, which is the Sanskrit word for noninjury or nonviolence, is a central principle for Hindu Americans in California, and it provides the ethical foundation for vegetarianism, environmentalism, and harmonious living.
- 8) Despite their positive contributions to California and this nation, Hindu Americans face stereotypes and misconceptions about their heritage and have been the targets of bullying, discrimination, hate speech, and bias-motivated crimes.
- 9) Hindu Americans promote the ideals of tolerance, pluralism, and religious freedom, which are inherent to their beliefs and respect the diversity of all faiths.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 212

**Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Cooper, Gallagher, Quirk,
and Villapudua)**

June 22, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 212—Relative to California’s Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 212, as introduced, Kalra. California’s Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate the month of November 2022 to be California’s Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month. The measure would recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions made by Californians of Sikh heritage to our state and seeks to afford all Californians the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared principles of Sikh Americans. The measure would condemn all hate crimes and bias incidents against Sikh Americans and would encourage all Sikhs to practice their faith freely and fearlessly.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California and our nation are at once blessed and
- 2 enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India, first entered
- 4 California in 1899 through the Angel Island Immigration Station
- 5 in San Francisco, California; and

1 WHEREAS, The Sikh pioneers initially worked on railroad
2 construction projects and in lumber mills; and

3 WHEREAS, By 1910, these pioneers turned to farming in the
4 Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial Valleys; and

5 WHEREAS, On October 14, 1912, the first Sikh house of
6 worship (gurdwara) in the United States, the Stockton Sikh Temple,
7 was founded by Jawala Singh and Wasakha Singh. The following
8 year, the congregation formed the Pacific Coast Khalsa Diwan
9 Society; and

10 WHEREAS, There are now more than 220 known gurdwaras
11 in the United States, 58 of which are in California, including the
12 Gurdwara Sahib of San Jose, the largest gurdwara in North
13 America; and

14 WHEREAS, The Stockton Record, dated November 22, 1915,
15 quoted the gurdwara's elected leadership declaring, "We do not
16 permit our people to become charges on public charity. If a man
17 is hungry and out of funds we feed him. Our dining room is open
18 at all hours of the day and is closed only for a few hours during
19 the night"; and

20 WHEREAS, Legislation to authorize Sikhs and other East Indian
21 immigrants to naturalize as United States citizens was not enacted
22 until 1946; and

23 WHEREAS, On January 1, 1912, Jawala Singh and Wasakha
24 Singh, who migrated to California through Angel Island in 1908
25 and served as the founding Granthis (religious leader) of the
26 Stockton Sikh Temple, recognized the value of education and
27 started six Guru Govind Singh Sahib Educational Scholarships at
28 the University of California, Berkeley; and

29 WHEREAS, These scholarships were awarded without regard
30 to ethnicity or religion and the first awardees included three
31 Hindus, one Christian, one Sikh, and one Muslim; and

32 WHEREAS, Board and lodging was provided at the students'
33 home at 1731 Allston Way, Berkeley, where smoking and drinking
34 were prohibited; and

35 WHEREAS, On November 1, 1913, The Ghadar, the first
36 Punjabi-language newspaper in the United States, was published
37 by Kartar Singh Sarabha, who was then 17 years of age, with
38 financial support from the Stockton Sikh Temple; and

39 WHEREAS, On December 31, 1913, Jawala Singh and Wasakha
40 Singh organized the Ghadri Conclave in Sacramento to form the

1 Ghadar Party to overthrow the British colonial rulers of the Indian
2 subcontinent; and

3 WHEREAS, The Ghadar Party sent 616 of its members to India,
4 of whom 86 percent were Sikhs; and

5 WHEREAS, Homage is paid to them annually at a dozen
6 different gatherings called melas from Sacramento, California, to
7 Bakersfield, California; and

8 WHEREAS, Sikh history and culture is represented in the Asian
9 Art Museum in San Francisco, in the Smithsonian Museum in
10 Washington, D.C., in the Community Memorial Museum of Sutter
11 County, and in the museum at the Stockton Sikh Temple; and

12 WHEREAS, Sikh farmers contribute abundantly towards
13 production of peaches, raisins, grapes, almonds, pistachios, okra,
14 and other specialized crops of fruits, vegetables, and nuts; and

15 WHEREAS, Sikhs have also excelled in security services and
16 transportation services, as doctors, attorneys, engineers, teachers,
17 and small business owners, and in other notable capacities; and

18 WHEREAS, Dalip Singh Saund, a Sikh who was born in Punjab,
19 India, earned a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley,
20 in 1924, initially worked as a foreman of cotton pickers in the
21 Imperial Valley, and later became a farmer, played a major role
22 in raising the funds needed to lobby for the Luce-Celler Act of
23 1946 that enabled him and others to naturalize as citizens, and
24 served as an elected judge in the Westmoreland County Judicial
25 District from 1952 to 1956, before becoming the first Asian
26 American elected to the United States Congress, wherein he served
27 three terms from 1957 to 1963; and

28 WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have served and continue to serve
29 as mayors and council members of many California cities; and

30 WHEREAS, Sikhs have served in all American wars since
31 World War I, including Bhagat Singh Thind, a Sikh born in Punjab,
32 India, who was a United States veteran of World War I and an
33 Indian independence activist whose quest for naturalization has
34 been a key part of the long struggle to remove racial barriers to
35 United States citizenship by fighting his citizenship case in the
36 United States Supreme Court in 1923; and

37 WHEREAS, There are currently an estimated one hundred active
38 Sikh service members in the United States Army and Air Force,
39 and over recent years, progress over accommodations for Sikhs
40 serving with turban and beard in the United States Air Force and

1 United States Army have been granted while on ordinary duty;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Staff Sargent Balreet Khaira and Sargent Jasleen
4 Khaira, Sikh members of the California Army National Guard,
5 encouraged understanding and comradery between the United
6 States and Indian armies by serving as interpreters and cultural
7 liaisons during the 2014 Yudh Abhyas military exercise; and

8 WHEREAS, Narinder Singh Kapany of Palo Alto, a Sikh born
9 in Punjab, India, is an accomplished scientist and inventor who
10 has been awarded over 100 patents that spurred advances in lasers,
11 biomedical instrumentation, pollution monitoring, and solar energy,
12 and is widely acknowledged to be the father of fiber optics, a
13 technology that has allowed for high-speed digital communication;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Yuba City, often called “Mini-Punjab” because of
16 its 10 percent Punjabi population, commemorates the inauguration
17 of the holy Sikh scripture, Sri Guru Granth Sahib, on the first
18 Sunday of November, rain or shine, and this international event
19 has in recent years attracted up to 100,000 participants from all
20 over the United States, Canada, and even abroad; and

21 WHEREAS, Sikh Americans throughout California celebrate
22 the coronation of Sikh scripture and other Sikh festivals at the
23 gurdwaras and through parades in cities across California and the
24 United States; and

25 WHEREAS, Various Sikh organizations, including the Sikh
26 Council of Central California, the Sikh Coalition, the Sikh
27 American Legal Defense and Education Fund, United Sikhs, and
28 the Jakara Movement, and individual gurdwaras participate in
29 interfaith meetings, seminars, conferences, and functions and share
30 the tenets of their monotheistic religion that respects other religions
31 and welcomes all to their gurdwaras, and try to promote mutual
32 understanding and respect among all peoples; and

33 WHEREAS, Due to ignorance and hate, Sikhs have been the
34 subject of hate crimes because of their articles of faith, including
35 a turban and beard, which represent the Sikh religious commitment
36 to justice, equality, and dignity for all; and

37 WHEREAS, The faithful service of the Sikh American
38 community to this state and country merits appreciation as an
39 integral thread in the fabric of American plurality; now, therefore,
40 be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
3 month of November 2022 to be California’s Sikh American
4 Awareness and Appreciation Month; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and acknowledges
6 the significant contributions made by Californians of Sikh heritage
7 to our state, and by adoption of this resolution, seeks to afford all
8 Californians the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and
9 appreciate the rich history, military service, and shared principles
10 of Sikh Americans; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Legislature condemns all hate crimes and
12 bias incidents against Sikh Americans and encourages all Sikhs
13 to practice their faith freely and fearlessly; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution to the
16 Members of the Legislature, members of the California Sikh
17 American community, and other interested organizations or
18 persons.

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 212 (Kalra) – As Introduced June 22, 2022

SUBJECT: California’s Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of November 2022 as California’s Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month; and, recognizes and acknowledges the significant contributions Californians of Sikh heritage have made to the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California and our nation are at once blessed and enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents. Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India, first entered California in 1899 through the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco, California.
- 2) Sikh pioneers initially worked on railroad construction projects and in lumber mills, but by 1910, these pioneers turned to farming in the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial Valleys.
- 3) On October 14, 1912, the first Sikh house of worship (gurdwara) in the United States, the Stockton Sikh Temple, was founded by Jawala Singh and Wasakha Singh. There are now more than 220 known gurdwaras in the United States, 58 of which are in California, including the Gurdwara Sahib of San Jose, the largest gurdwara in North America.
- 4) On December 31, 1913, Jawala Singh and Wasakha Singh organized the Ghadri Conclave in Sacramento to form the Ghadar Party to overthrow the British colonial rulers of the Indian subcontinent. The Ghadar Party sent 616 of its members to India, of whom 86 percent were Sikhs.
- 5) Sikh history and culture is represented in the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., in the Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County, and in the museum at the Stockton Sikh Temple.
- 6) Sikh farmers contribute abundantly towards production of peaches, raisins, grapes, almonds, pistachios, okra, and other specialized crops of fruits, vegetables, and nuts. Sikhs have also excelled in security services and transportation services, as doctors, attorneys, engineers, teachers, and small business owners.
- 7) The faithful service of the Sikh American community to this state and country merits appreciation as an integral thread in the fabric of American plurality.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 116

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

June 6, 2022

House Resolution No. 116—Relative to Victims of Communism Day.

1 WHEREAS, Over 100 years have passed since the Bolshevik
2 Revolution in Russia and the formation of the first communist
3 government under Vladimir Lenin, leading to decades of
4 oppression and violence under communist regimes throughout the
5 world; and

6 WHEREAS, Based on the economic philosophies of Karl Marx,
7 communism has proven incompatible with the ideals of liberty,
8 prosperity, and dignity of human life and has given rise to such
9 infamous totalitarian dictators as Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Lenin,
10 Mao Zedong, Ho Chi Minh, and Pol Pot; and

11 WHEREAS, Communist regimes worldwide have killed more
12 than 100 million people and subjected countless others to
13 exploitation and unspeakable atrocities, with victims representing
14 many different ethnicities, creeds, and backgrounds; and

15 WHEREAS, Through false promises of equality and liberation
16 or through coercion, brutality, and fear, communist regimes have
17 systematically robbed their own citizens of the rights of freedom
18 of worship, freedom of speech, and freedom of association; and

19 WHEREAS, Many victims of communism were persecuted as
20 political prisoners for speaking out against these regimes, and
21 others were killed in genocidal state-sponsored purges of
22 undesirable groups; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to violating basic human rights,
2 communist regimes have suppressed intellectual freedom, cultural
3 life, and self-determination movements in more than 40 nations;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That*
6 November 7 of each year is hereby recognized as Victims of
7 Communism Day in memory of the 100 million people who have
8 fallen victim to communist regimes across the world; and be it
9 further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 116 (Nguyen) – As Introduced June 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Victims of Communism Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes November 7 of each year as Victims of Communism Day in memory of the 100 million people who have fallen victim to communist regimes across the world. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Over 100 years have passed since the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia and the formation of the first communist government under Vladimir Lenin, leading to decades of oppression and violence under communist regimes throughout the world.
- 2) Based on the economic philosophies of Karl Marx, communism has proven incompatible with the ideals of liberty, prosperity, and dignity of human life.
- 3) Communist regimes worldwide have killed more than 100 million people and subjected countless others to exploitation and unspeakable atrocities, with victims representing many different ethnicities, creeds, and backgrounds.
- 4) Through false promises of equality and liberation or through coercion, brutality, and fear, communist regimes have systematically robbed their own citizens of the rights of freedom of worship, freedom of speech, and freedom of association.
- 5) In addition to violating basic human rights, communist regimes have suppressed intellectual freedom, cultural life, and self-determination movements in more than 40 nations.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 120

Introduced by Assembly Member Choi

June 21, 2022

House Resolution No. 120—Relative to the anniversary of the 5.18 Democratization Movement.

1 WHEREAS, Democracy is a form of government that the people
2 of California and the United States support and defend; and
3 WHEREAS, Democracy should ideally be enjoyed by many
4 other freedom-loving people of the world; and
5 WHEREAS, Democracy is not a gift to a nation from outside
6 but must be achieved by the people of a nation, sometimes through
7 a process of fighting and sacrifice; and
8 WHEREAS, The Republic of Korea achieved its status as an
9 exemplary democratic country through an agonizing process; and
10 WHEREAS, 600,000 Korean Americans live in California, and
11 over 2 million live in the United States; and
12 WHEREAS, Between 1904 and 1907, approximately 1,000
13 Korean Americans entered the United States mainland from Hawaii
14 through the City and County of San Francisco, where the first
15 Korean American political organizations and Korean language
16 publications were established; and
17 WHEREAS, While the City and County of San Francisco
18 remained the center of the Korean American community, there
19 was a gradual migration from northern California to southern
20 California as more employment opportunities opened up, and a
21 new, burgeoning community of Korean Americans began to thrive
22 in the City of Los Angeles and surrounding areas; and

1 WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles is currently home to the
2 largest population of Korean Americans in the entire United States,
3 with more than 250,000 Korean Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, Korean Americans are the largest and the fastest
5 growing ethnic group of citizens in County of Orange, giving it
6 the second largest Korean American population of any county in
7 the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1945, the Republic of Korea has endured
9 many forms of threats such as communism, dictatorship, military
10 coups, and authoritarianism; and

11 WHEREAS, The people of the Republic of Korea suffered their
12 two most notable and historic sacrifices for democracy during the
13 4.19 Student Uprising in 1960 against the ruling party's corruption,
14 and the 5.18 Democratization Movement in 1980 by the citizens
15 of the City of Gwangju against military brutality; and

16 WHEREAS, The citizens of the City of Gwangju, united with
17 their passion, belief, and courage, risked their lives during the 5.18
18 Democratization Movement to show their belief in the value of
19 democracy and to fight against dictatorship and authoritarianism,
20 in which unrighteous leaders abused their power to persecute and
21 murder 166 innocent people, causing 376 delayed deaths from
22 injuries, injuring 3,139 people, and resulting in 54 people missing
23 in action; and

24 WHEREAS, The people of the Republic of Korea now honor
25 the sacrifices made by the citizens of the City of Gwangju to defend
26 democracy in Korea; and

27 WHEREAS, The 5.18 Democratization Movement is a symbol
28 of democracy that sparked the June Democratic Uprising in South
29 Korea, which became the root of the great Candlelight Revolution;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Evidence, records, and valuable cultural heritage
32 from the 5.18 Democratization Movement that has led to
33 democracy in South Korea are officially inscribed on the UNESCO
34 World Heritage List; and

35 WHEREAS, The 5.18 Democratization Movement transformed
36 the City of Gwangju into a Mecca of Democracy, providing hope
37 to the nation, which had been suppressed by military dictatorship;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, The 5.18 Democratization Movement was a social
40 movement in which citizens of the City of Los Angeles

1 participated, as well as the 44th President of the United States,
2 Barack Obama, who participated as a student, and

3 WHEREAS, The 5.18 Democratization Movement aligns with
4 the United States founding fathers' idea of a country of freedom;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
7 Assembly hereby proclaims May 18, 2022, and each May 18
8 thereafter, as the anniversary of the 5.18 Democratization
9 Movement in California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 120 (Choi) – As Introduced June 21, 2022

SUBJECT: the anniversary of the 5.18 Democratization Movement.

SUMMARY: Proclaims May 18, 2022, and each May 18 thereafter, as the anniversary of the 5.18 Democratization Movement in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Democracy is a form of government that the people of California and the United States support and defend. Democracy should ideally be enjoyed by many other freedom-loving people of the world.
- 2) The Republic of Korea achieved its status as an exemplary democratic country through an agonizing process.
- 3) The citizens of the City of Gwangju, united with their passion, belief, and courage, risked their lives during the 5.18 Democratization Movement to show their belief in the value of democracy and to fight against dictatorship and authoritarianism, in which unrighteous leaders abused their power to persecute and murder 166 innocent people, causing 376 delayed deaths from injuries, injuring 3,139 people, and resulting in 54 people missing in action.
- 4) The people of the Republic of Korea now honor the sacrifices made by the citizens of the City of Gwangju to defend democracy in Korea. 600,000 Korean Americans live in California, and over 2 million live in the United States.
- 5) Evidence, records, and valuable cultural heritage from the 5.18 Democratization Movement that has led to democracy in South Korea are officially inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The 5.18 Democratization Movement aligns with the United States founding fathers' idea of a country of freedom.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 122

**Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Cristina Garcia, Lee,
Quirk, and Stone)**

June 23, 2022

House Resolution No. 122—Relative to Diwali.

1 WHEREAS, Diwali, a festival of great significance to Indian
2 Americans and South Asian Americans, is celebrated annually by
3 Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains throughout the United States,
4 and across the globe; and

5 WHEREAS, There are approximately 3,230,000 Hindus in the
6 United States, nearly 2,000,000 of which are of Indian and South
7 Asian origin; and

8 WHEREAS, The word “Diwali” is a shortened version of the
9 Sanskrit term “Deepavali,” which means “a row of lamps”; and

10 WHEREAS, Diwali, one of the world’s oldest religious holidays,
11 brings together families, friends, and communities here in
12 California, the United States, and around the globe in goodwill,
13 peace, and a shared sense of renewal; and

14 WHEREAS, Diwali is a festival of lights during which
15 celebrants light small oil lamps, place them around the home, and
16 pray for health, knowledge, and peace; and

17 WHEREAS, Hindu celebrants of Diwali believe that the rows
18 of lamps symbolize the light of knowledge and truth within the
19 individual that signifies the destruction of all negative
20 qualities—violence, anger, jealousy, ignorance, greed, fear, or
21 suffering; in other words, Diwali celebrates the victory of good
22 over evil; and

1 WHEREAS, Diwali falls on Monday, October 24, this year in
2 accordance with the lunar calendar and is celebrated by Hindus as
3 a day of thanksgiving for the homecoming of Lord Rama and the
4 beginning of the new year for many Hindus; and

5 WHEREAS, For Sikhs, Diwali is feted as the day that the sixth
6 founding Sikh Guru, or revered teacher, Guru Hargobind, was
7 released from captivity by the Mughal Emperor Jahangir; and

8 WHEREAS, For Jains, Diwali marks the anniversary of the
9 attainment of moksha, or liberation, by Mahavira, the last of the
10 Tirthankaras (the great teachers of Jain dharma), at the end of his
11 life in 527 B.C.; and

12 WHEREAS, For Buddhists, especially Newar Buddhists, Diwali
13 is commemorated as Ashok Vijayadashami, the day the great
14 Emperor Ashoka embraced Buddhism as his faith; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
17 Assembly recognizes this year's Diwali festival on Monday,
18 October 24, 2022, and encourages Californians to take part in this
19 joyous day of celebration; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes the religious and
21 historical significance of the festival of Diwali and in observance
22 of Diwali, the festival of lights, expresses its deepest respect for
23 Indian Americans and the Indian diaspora throughout the world
24 on this significant occasion; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 122 (Kalra) – As Introduced June 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Diwali.

SUMMARY: Recognizes this year’s Diwali festival on Monday, October 24, 2022, encourages Californians to take part in this joyous day of celebration, and recognizes the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Diwali falls on Monday, October 24, this year in accordance with the lunar calendar and is celebrated by Hindus as a day of thanksgiving for the homecoming of Lord Rama and the beginning of the new year for many Hindus.
- 2) Diwali, a festival of great significance to Indian Americans and South Asian Americans, is celebrated annually by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains throughout the United States, and across the globe. The word “Diwali” is a shortened version of the Sanskrit term “Deepavali,” which means “a row of lamps”.
- 3) There are approximately 3,230,000 Hindus in the United States, nearly 2,000,000 of which are of Indian and South Asian origin.
- 4) Diwali, one of the world’s oldest religious holidays, brings together families, friends, and communities here in California, the United States, and around the globe in goodwill, peace, and a shared sense of renewal.
- 5) Diwali is a festival of lights during which celebrants light small oil lamps, place them around the home, and pray for health, knowledge, and peace.
- 6) Hindu celebrants of Diwali believe that the rows of lamps symbolize the light of knowledge and truth within the individual that signifies the destruction of all negative qualities— violence, anger, jealousy, ignorance, greed, fear, or suffering; in other words, Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 15, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 61

Introduced by Senator Dahle

August 24, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 61, as amended, Dahle. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of September-~~2021~~ 2022 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed
2 cancer in men aside from skin cancer. It is estimated that one in
3 eight men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates there will
5 be approximately ~~248,530~~ 268,490 new cases of prostate cancer
6 in the United States in ~~2021~~, 2022, resulting in an estimated ~~34,130~~
7 34,500 deaths; and

8 WHEREAS, It is estimated ~~25,880~~ 26,890 men in California
9 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and it is estimated
10 that ~~4,140~~ 4,130 men in California will die from this disease; and

11 WHEREAS, *Non-Hispanic* Black men have the highest prostate
12 cancer incidence rates in the world, and their prostate cancer
13 mortality rate in the United States is more than twice that of any
14 other ethnic group; and

15 WHEREAS, *Risk factors for prostate cancer include increasing*
16 *age, African ancestry, a family history of the disease, and certain*
17 *inherited genetic conditions; and*

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1 WHEREAS, Having a father or brother with prostate cancer
 2 more than doubles a man’s risk of developing the disease; and
 3 WHEREAS, Advanced prostate cancer commonly spreads to
 4 the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other
 5 areas in the body; and
 6 *WHEREAS, The prostate cancer death rate has been declining*
 7 *since the mid-1990s due to earlier detection through PSA testing*
 8 *and advances in treatment; and*
 9 WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate approaches 100 percent
 10 when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to
 11 ~~29~~ 31 percent when it spreads to other parts of the body; and
 12 WHEREAS, Treatment options for prostate cancer vary
 13 depending on age, the stage and grade of cancer, and other existing
 14 medical conditions; and
 15 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that a
 16 ~~man~~ *men should have a conversation with their health care*
 17 *provider and should have an opportunity to make an informed*
 18 *decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on*
 19 *personal values and preferences; and*
 20 WHEREAS, For men who desire screening, prostate-specific
 21 antigen testing may begin at 55 years of age for average-risk men,
 22 and for men at higher than average risk (i.e., *risk, including Black*
 23 *men, men with a family history, men with a genetic predisposition,*
 24 *and veterans); veterans, testing should begin at 40 years of age;*
 25 *and*
 26 WHEREAS, The cost of screening for early detection is a barrier
 27 that stifles detecting prostate cancer; now, therefore, be it
 28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
 29 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the*
 30 *month of September-2021 2022 to be Prostate Cancer Awareness*
 31 *Month in California; and be it further*
 32 *Resolved, That the Legislature urges all levels of government*
 33 *to provide an educational campaign to increase awareness about*
 34 *the importance for men to make an informed decision with their*
 35 *health care provider about early detection and testing for prostate*
 36 *cancer; and be it further*
 37 *Resolved, That the Legislature joins communities across our*
 38 *nation to increase awareness about the importance of removing*
 39 *barriers to increase early detection and testing for prostate cancer*
 40 *so men can have the opportunity to make informed decisions with*

- 1 their health care provider about early treatment options; and be it
- 2 further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 61 (Dahle) – As Amended June 15, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of September 2022 to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men aside from skin cancer. It is estimated that one in eight men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime.
- 2) The American Cancer Society estimates there will be approximately 268,490 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in 2022, resulting in an estimated 34,500 deaths.
- 3) It is estimated 26,890 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and it is estimated that 4,130 men in California will die from this disease.
- 4) Non-Hispanic Black men have the highest prostate cancer incidence rates in the world, and their prostate cancer mortality rate in the United States is more than twice that of any other ethnic group. Risk factors for prostate cancer include increasing age, African ancestry, a family history of the disease, and certain inherited genetic conditions.
- 5) Advanced prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas in the body.
- 6) Treatment options for prostate cancer vary depending on age, the stage and grade of cancer, and other existing medical conditions. The five-year survival rate approaches 100 percent when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 31 percent when it spreads to other parts of the body.
- 7) The cost of screening for early detection is a barrier that stifles detecting prostate cancer.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Rubio

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Archuleta, Caballero, Durazo, Hueso, Hurtado, Limón, and Ochoa Bogh)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Eduardo Garcia, Quirk-Silva, Robert Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Santiago, and Villapudua)

January 19, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64—Relative to Vicente Fernández Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 64, as introduced, Rubio. Vicente Fernández Day.

This measure would declare that the Legislature honors the life and legacy of Vicente Fernández, and would proclaim February 17, 2022, as Vicente Fernández Day, a day of remembrance and education to ensure that all Californians honor and remember the cultural voice of generations.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernández was an unparalleled Mexican
2 artist and cultural icon, known and beloved by generations of
3 people around the world as “El Rey de la Música Ranchera,” with
4 a legendary impact in Mexican movies, proudly representing a
5 rich Mexican heritage; and

6 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernández was born on February 17, 1940,
7 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and from a young age expressed
8 a passion for traditional music and was influenced by Jorge Negrete
9 and Pedro Infante; and

1 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernández’s passion led to performing for
2 tips in Mariachi Plaza in Guadalajara, Mexico, before winning the
3 La Calandria Musical competition and moving to Mexico City to
4 begin a career in music that would ultimately lead to him becoming
5 a world-renowned icon in regional Mexican music; and

6 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernández’s extensive career over several
7 decades included more than 50 albums that earned over 50 million
8 album sales, three Grammy Awards, nine Latin Grammy Awards,
9 appearances in more than two dozen movies, a star on the
10 Hollywood Walk of Fame, and numerous sold-out concert tours
11 around the world, to the delight of many fans; and

12 WHEREAS, Possessing an iconic strong operatic voice and a
13 relentless stamina, Vicente Fernández was beloved by fans for live
14 concerts that could last for hours as he stated in his concerts that
15 he would keep singing as long as the audience would keep
16 applauding, and intermixing powerful performances with personal
17 interactions with audience members; and

18 WHEREAS, Known fondly by fans as “Chente,” Vicente
19 Fernández received several nicknames over his career, including
20 “El Ídolo de México,” “El Charro de Huentitán,” and “El Rey de
21 la Música Ranchera,” for providing beautiful renditions to
22 traditional songs, including “El Rey,” “Volver Volver,” and “Para
23 Siempre,” a lifetime of performances that embodied the historic
24 folk themes of Mexico, including honor and romance, grit and
25 pain, ranches, and the rural countryside; and

26 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernández died on December 12, 2021,
27 at 81 years of age, and is survived by a loving spouse of 57 years,
28 four children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and
29 his ranch Los Tres Potrillos, which carries his legacy and passion
30 for living as a ranchero; and

31 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernández’s death has been mourned by
32 world leaders and countless individuals who will remember Vicente
33 Fernández for songs that saluted the salt-of-the-earth lives of
34 hardworking, humble people; and

35 WHEREAS, The passing of Vicente Fernández in California
36 represents a loss that impacts not only Latinos in California, but
37 also the embedded heritage and culture of California. California
38 and the world lost an icon who represented a voice that we listened
39 to and who we saw in murals in the streets of California,
40 restaurants, supermarkets, and the homes of our abuelos and during

1 friend or family gatherings. Vicente Fernández’s voice and music
2 will forever be a representation of native Californian heritage
3 because his art impacted Californians in direct and indirect ways.
4 Specifically, the 15.6 million Latinos who call California home,
5 according to the 2020 United States Census, and many communities
6 across the state have held memorial services paying tribute to the
7 impact that Vicente Fernández had in our California communities;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors the life and legacy
11 of Vicente Fernández and proclaims February 17, 2022, as Vicente
12 Fernández Day, a day of remembrance and education to ensure
13 that all Californians honor and remember the cultural voice of
14 generations; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 64 (Rubio) – As Introduced January 19, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Vicente Fernández Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims February 17, 2022, as Vicente Fernández Day, a day of remembrance and education to ensure that all Californians honor and remember the cultural voice of generations. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Vicente Fernández was born on February 17, 1940, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and from a young age expressed a passion for traditional music and was influenced by Jorge Negrete and Pedro Infante.
- 2) Vicente Fernández’s passion led to performing for tips in Mariachi Plaza in Guadalajara, Mexico, before winning the La Calandria Musical competition and moving to Mexico City to begin a career in music that would ultimately lead to him becoming a world-renowned icon in regional Mexican music.
- 3) Vicente Fernández’s extensive career over several decades included more than 50 albums that earned over 50 million album sales, three Grammy Awards, nine Latin Grammy Awards, appearances in more than two dozen movies, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and numerous sold-out concert tours around the world, to the delight of many fans.
- 4) Possessing an iconic strong operatic voice and a relentless stamina, Vicente Fernández was beloved by fans for live concerts that could last for hours as he stated in his concerts that he would keep singing as long as the audience would keep applauding, and intermixing powerful performances with personal interactions with audience members.
- 5) Vicente Fernández was an unparalleled Mexican artist and cultural icon, known and beloved by generations of people around the world as “El Rey de la Música Ranchera.” The passing of Vicente Fernández in California represents a loss that impacts not only Latinos in California, but also the embedded heritage and culture of California.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senators Bradford and Kamlager

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Mia Bonta, Bryan, Cooper, Gipson, Holden, Jones-Sawyer, McCarty, Akilah Weber, and Wilson)

May 19, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 109—Relative to Juneteenth.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 109, as introduced, Bradford. Juneteenth.

This measure would recognize June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth and would urge the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as “Juneteenth
2 Independence Day,” “Emancipation Day,” “Emancipation
3 Celebration,” and “Freedom Day,” is the oldest African American
4 holiday observance in the United States; and
5 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the
6 date when the last slaves in America were freed when General
7 Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General
8 Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln
9 issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and
10 WHEREAS, 2022 marks 157 years of freedom celebrations;
11 and
12 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the strong survival
13 instinct of African Americans who were first brought to this

1 country stacked and shackled in the bottom of slave ships in a
2 month long journey across the Atlantic Ocean known as the
3 “Middle Passage”; and

4 WHEREAS, August 2019 marked 400 years since the first
5 arrival of Africans to colonial America, and the United States
6 Congress has established the 400 Years of AfricanAmerican
7 History Commission to commemorate the historic heritage and
8 contributions that Americans of African descent have made to help
9 shape the cultural, academic, social, economic, and moral attributes
10 of this nation; and

11 WHEREAS, In August 1619, the first documented Africans
12 arrived in the English colony of Virginia. The group, recorded
13 upon arrival as “20 and odd Negros,” was part of a larger group
14 of West Africans enslaved by Portuguese slave traders. They were
15 on their way to Veracruz, Mexico, aboard a Spanish ship when
16 they were captured off the coast of Mexico by an English privateer
17 ship and transported to Virginia, where they were put ashore at
18 what is now Hampton, Virginia, and sold as involuntary laborers
19 or indentured servants; and

20 WHEREAS, Slavery had not yet been institutionalized, so the
21 Africans were informed they would work under contract for a
22 certain period of time before being granted freedom and the rights
23 afforded other settlers. However, while European indentured
24 servants were listed along with their year of expected freedom, no
25 such information accompanied the names of the African indentured
26 servants; and

27 WHEREAS, On September 22, 1862, President Lincoln issued
28 the celebrated Emancipation Proclamation, warning the rebellious
29 Confederate States that he would declare their slaves “forever free”
30 if those states did not return to the Union by January 1, 1863.
31 Enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation occurred only in
32 Confederate States that were under Union Army control; and

33 WHEREAS, Even after the lapse of California’s Fugitive Slave
34 Law in 1855, masters informally held enslaved people in California
35 until 1864, and it was not until June 28, 1864, that all fugitive slave
36 laws were officially repealed; and

37 WHEREAS, Prior to the end of the Civil War, on January 31,
38 1865, Congress passed the Thirteenth Amendment to the United
39 States Constitution, which abolished slavery throughout the United
40 States and its territories. Spontaneous celebrations erupted

1 throughout the country when African Americans learned of their
2 freedom; and

3 WHEREAS, Texas, as a part of the Confederacy, was resistant
4 to the Emancipation Proclamation. But on June 18, 1865, Union
5 troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to take possession of the state
6 and enforce the emancipation of its slaves. Former slaves in
7 Galveston rejoiced in the streets with jubilant celebrations. The
8 following day, June 19th, became known as “Juneteenth,” a name
9 derived from a portmanteau of the words “June” and “nineteenth.”
10 Juneteenth celebrations began in Texas the following year; and

11 WHEREAS, Juneteenth education and celebrations declined in
12 America in the early part of the 20th century. But the Civil Rights
13 Movement of the 1950s and 1960s saw a resurgence of interest in
14 Juneteenth, along with renewed community celebrations of the
15 day; and

16 WHEREAS, On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official
17 state holiday in Texas through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African
18 American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill
19 marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted
20 official state recognition; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2021, North Dakota became the 48th state in
22 the country to recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday or
23 day of observance. Hawaii and South Dakota are the only two
24 states that still do not recognize Juneteenth; and

25 WHEREAS, In June of 2020, after the brutal murder of George
26 Floyd, several prominent companies like Nike, the NFL, Twitter,
27 and Square, announced plans to offer Juneteenth as a paid holiday
28 to their employees. Further, financial institutions like JPMorgan
29 Chase, Northern Trust, Fifth Third Bank, PNC Bank, and Capital
30 One also announced that they will be closing all or parts of their
31 business early on June 19th while paying employees for the full
32 day; and

33 WHEREAS, On June 17, 2021, President Biden signed the
34 Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, establishing
35 June 19th as a federal holiday and making it the first federal holiday
36 since the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, A growing number of American and African
39 American cultural institutions have sponsored Juneteenth cultural
40 events designed to make all Americans aware of this celebration,

1 including the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of
2 American History in Washington, D.C., the Chicago Historical
3 Society, the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc., in Kansas City,
4 Missouri, the California African American Museum in Los
5 Angeles, California, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield
6 Village in Dearborn, Michigan, the African American Museum in
7 Dallas, Texas, and the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation.
8 Juneteenth celebrations are a tribute to those African Americans
9 who fought so long for freedom and worked so hard to make the
10 dream of equality a reality; and

11 WHEREAS, California law requires the Governor to proclaim
12 the third Saturday in June of each year to be known as “Juneteenth
13 National Freedom Day: A day of observance,” to urge all
14 Californians in celebrating this day to honor and reflect on the
15 significant roles that African Americans have played in the history
16 of the United States and how African Americans have enriched
17 society through their steadfast commitment to promoting freedom,
18 brotherhood, and equality; and

19 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American
20 freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day,
21 a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations,
22 guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for
23 reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment,
24 self-improvement, and for planning the future; now, therefore, be
25 it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
28 hereby recognizes June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the people of California to
30 join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the
31 significant role that African Americans have played in the history
32 of the United States and how they have enriched society through
33 their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality; and
34 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 109 (Bradford) – As Introduced May 19, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Juneteenth.

SUMMARY: Recognizes June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth; and, urges the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States, and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Juneteenth, also known as “Juneteenth Independence Day,” “Emancipation Day,” “Emancipation Celebration,” and “Freedom Day,” is the oldest African American holiday observance in the United States.
- 2) June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last slaves in America were freed when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 3) Juneteenth education and celebrations declined in America in the early part of the 20th century. But the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s saw a resurgence of interest in Juneteenth, along with renewed community celebrations of the day.
- 4) On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official state recognition.
- 5) California law requires the Governor to proclaim the third Saturday in June of each year to be known as “Juneteenth National Freedom Day: A day of observance,” to urge all Californians in celebrating this day to honor and reflect on the significant roles that African Americans have played in the history of the United States.
- 6) Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and for planning the future.
- 7) 2022 marks 157 years of freedom celebrations.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh

(Coauthors: Senators Jones, Nielsen, and Roth)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Choi, Cristina Garcia, Mathis, Seyarto,
and Waldron)

May 31, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to American Eagle Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 113, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. American Eagle Day.

This measure would proclaim June 20, 2022, as American Eagle Day to commemorate the anniversary of the bald eagle’s selection as the national emblem of the United States of America and would urge Californians to observe the American values, ideals, and attributes symbolized by the American bald eagle.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, American Eagle Day is a special day to
- 2 commemorate the anniversary of the bald eagle’s selection as our
- 3 national symbol and to celebrate its return to America’s skies; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The first American Eagle Day was celebrated on
- 5 June 20, 1995, by President Bill Clinton, however, the American
- 6 bald eagle has been a treasured symbol of the United States since
- 7 the 1700s; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The bald eagle was named the national emblem
- 9 of the United States in 1782, and its image is used throughout the
- 10 country as a symbol of this great nation; and

1 WHEREAS, The image of the bald eagle can be found on gold
2 coins, the silver dollar, the half dollar, the quarter, and on the Great
3 Seal of the United States; and
4 WHEREAS, The American bald eagle is the only eagle unique
5 to North America, and it can be found all over the continent, from
6 Alaska to Northern Mexico; and
7 WHEREAS, It is also one of the largest birds in North America,
8 with an average wingspan of 80 inches, and it builds massive nests
9 that are four to six feet in diameter; and
10 WHEREAS, Not too long ago, the future of the bald eagle
11 seemed dire; however, due to the hard work of conservationists,
12 and the bird’s classification as an endangered species, the bald
13 eagle has made a remarkable comeback and was removed from
14 the national threatened and endangered species lists; and
15 WHEREAS, Despite the great recovery of the bird’s population,
16 there is still work to be done to remove debris that poses a serious
17 threat to its habitat; and
18 WHEREAS, Californians are encouraged to seek out local
19 preservation groups in their area and to offer to lend a hand within
20 their communities to preserve the precious habitats of American
21 bald eagles; now, therefore, be it
22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes June 20, 2022,
24 as American Eagle Day, and urges all Californians to observe the
25 American values, ideals, and attributes for which it stands; and be
26 it further
27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 113 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced May 31, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: American Eagle Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims June 20, 2022, as American Eagle Day to commemorate the anniversary of the bald eagle’s selection as the national emblem of the United States of America; and urges Californians to observe the American values, ideals, and attributes symbolized by the American bald eagle. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The bald eagle was named the national emblem of the United States in 1782, and its image is used throughout the country as a symbol of this great nation.
- 2) The image of the bald eagle can be found on gold coins, the silver dollar, the half dollar, the quarter, and on the Great Seal of the United States.
- 3) The American bald eagle is the only eagle unique to North America, and it can be found all over the continent, from Alaska to Northern Mexico. It is also one of the largest birds in North America, with an average wingspan of 80 inches, and it builds massive nests that are four to six feet in diameter.
- 4) Not too long ago, the future of the bald eagle seemed dire; however, due to the hard work of conservationists, and the bird’s classification as an endangered species, the bald eagle has made a remarkable comeback and was removed from the national threatened and endangered species lists.
- 5) The first American Eagle Day was celebrated on June 20, 1995, by President Bill Clinton. American Eagle Day is a special day to commemorate the anniversary of the bald eagle’s selection as our national symbol and to celebrate its return to America’s skies.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Stern

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry and Salas)

June 1, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to Portuguese Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 116, as introduced, Stern. Portuguese Heritage Month.

This measure would declare the month of June 2022 as Portuguese Heritage Month, in recognition of June 10 as the Day of Portugal, and June 6 as the Day of the Azores.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Portuguese presence in California predates the
2 establishment of California as a State in the Union; and
3 WHEREAS, The first Portuguese settlers came to California
4 from the Azores Islands in the early 19th century. Waves of
5 Azorean immigrants moved to California just before and during
6 the 20th century, with the first wave of Azorean immigrants
7 moving to California just before and after the turn of the 20th
8 century, followed by the second and largest wave between 1958
9 and 1976, each contributing substantially to setting up agricultural
10 operations, especially dairy, livestock, vegetable, fruit farms, and
11 the tuna industry in southern California; and
12 WHEREAS, Throughout most of the 20th century, as many as
13 one-half of all Portuguese Californians owned or operated a dairy
14 farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-related industry.
15 Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and thriftiness, along
16 with additional labor from family members, Portuguese settlers

1 could earn enough to reinvest in their businesses, and buy more
2 land and cattle. Still today, Portuguese Americans in California
3 continue to play an important role in agriculture and dairying, as
4 proprietors and innovators; and

5 WHEREAS, Historically, California has been a popular
6 destination for immigrants from the Azores Islands, creating strong
7 cultural ties between the two regions; currently there are more than
8 350,000 persons of Portuguese heritage living in California,
9 approximately 90 percent of whom have either come directly from
10 the Azores Islands or are of Azorean ancestry; and

11 WHEREAS, In early 1855, the Old Company of Portuguese
12 Whalers, a 15-member enterprise, was owned and operated by
13 Azoreans in the City of Monterey, and, in the City of San Diego,
14 Portuguese immigrants, mostly from the islands of the Azores and
15 Madeira, had a prominent position in the tuna industry; and

16 WHEREAS, The Portuguese fraternal movement has played a
17 role in the financial and cultural stability of the community, led
18 today by two societies, the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America
19 and the Luso-American Fraternal Federation, with headquarters
20 in this state; and

21 WHEREAS, Portuguese language courses taught at community
22 heritage schools, public elementary and high schools, community
23 colleges, the California State University system, University of
24 California campuses, and private colleges build cognizance of the
25 importance of the Portuguese language as a world language and
26 awareness to the contributions that Californians of Portuguese
27 ancestry have given this state, as well as building exchanges with
28 colleges and universities in Portugal, including the recently created
29 Portuguese Beyond Borders Institute at the California State
30 University, Fresno, with its new approach to conferences, oral
31 history, research, academic publications, symposiums, exchange
32 programs in agriculture, and community outreach, including the
33 only Azorean Diaspora Center in the CSU system; and

34 WHEREAS, Californians of Portuguese ancestry came together
35 in 2016 to create the California Portuguese American Coalition
36 sponsored by the Luso-American Development Foundation to
37 create a network of public servants of Portuguese ancestry and
38 elected officials who represent areas where Californians of
39 Portuguese ancestry live and contribute to our rich diversity and

1 to encourage young Portuguese Americans to participate in our
2 democracy through public service; and

3 WHEREAS, In March of 2018 Californians of Portuguese
4 ancestry created the only strategic plan in the United States to
5 teach the Portuguese language and cultures in California public
6 and private schools, colleges, and universities in order to contribute
7 to the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of our state and to foster
8 a deeper connection to, and increase economic opportunities
9 between, California and all the Portuguese-speaking countries
10 throughout the world; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of California has a sister state relationship
12 with the Autonomous Region of the Azores, adopted in 2002, and
13 recently revised by working with a Friends of the Azores group
14 to bring further development in not only cultural exchanges, but
15 also in important areas such as renewable energy, sustainable
16 agriculture, tourism, and technology; and

17 WHEREAS, Among the great Portuguese Americans who have
18 contributed significantly to this country are: composer John Philip
19 Sousa, best known for composing “Stars and Stripes Forever”;
20 poet Emma Lazarus, best known for her sonnet about the Statue
21 of Liberty, “The New Colossus”; and architect William L. Pereira,
22 best known for designing the Transamerica Pyramid in San
23 Francisco. Many Portuguese Americans have also served with
24 distinction in local, state, and federal office, and have served
25 proudly in this country’s military; and

26 WHEREAS, Portuguese Americans have made valuable and
27 substantial contributions to every facet of California life including
28 the entertainment industry, the most notable of whom are Mary
29 Astor, Katy Perry, Tom Hanks, Joe Perry, Nuno Bettencourt, Steve
30 Perry, and James Franco; and

31 WHEREAS, The Portuguese community press, through radio,
32 newspaper, and television, have been important vehicles in
33 maintaining the Portuguese American experience in California,
34 serving as bridges to our multicultural state, currently through the
35 Tribuna Portuguesa, the only bilingual Portuguese newspaper in
36 the western United States; and

37 WHEREAS, The Portuguese Heritage Society of California
38 built the Portuguese Historical Museum to serve as a center for
39 the display of Portuguese heritage and culture, and the Portuguese
40 Heritage Publications of California, through book publications,

1 have recorded Portuguese contributions to this state in various
2 facets; and

3 WHEREAS, The Portuguese Holy Ghost Festival and other
4 religious and cultural festivals are an important part of the
5 communities in which they are held, bringing communities together
6 and preserving and disseminating in mainstream California the
7 rich traditions of a proud people who are completely integrated
8 into Californian society; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the month
11 of June 2022 as Portuguese Heritage Month, in recognition of June
12 10 as the Day of Portugal, and June 6 as the Day of the Azores;
13 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 116 (Stern) – As Introduced June 1, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Portuguese Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of June 2022, as Portuguese Heritage Month, in recognition of June 10 as the Day of Portugal, and June 6 as the Day of the Azores. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first Portuguese settlers came to California from the Azores Islands in the early 19th century. The first wave of Azorean immigrants moved to California just before and after the turn of the 20th century, followed by the second and largest wave between 1958 and 1976, each contributing substantially to setting up agricultural operations, especially dairy, livestock, vegetable, fruit farms, and the tuna industry in southern California.
- 2) Throughout most of the 20th century, as many as one-half of all Portuguese Californians owned or operated a dairy farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-related industry. Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and thriftiness, along with additional labor from family members, Portuguese settlers could earn enough to reinvest in their businesses, and buy more land and cattle. Still today, Portuguese Americans in California continue to play an important role in agriculture and dairying, as proprietors and innovators.
- 3) Historically, California has been a popular destination for immigrants from the Azores Islands, creating strong cultural ties between the two regions; currently there are more than 350,000 persons of Portuguese heritage living in California, approximately 90 percent of whom have either come directly from the Azores Islands or are of Azorean ancestry.
- 4) Californians of Portuguese ancestry came together in 2016 to create the California Portuguese American Coalition sponsored by the Luso-American Development Foundation to create a network of public servants of Portuguese ancestry and elected officials who represent areas where Californians of Portuguese ancestry live and contribute to our rich diversity and to encourage young Portuguese Americans to participate in our democracy through public service.
- 5) In March of 2018 Californians of Portuguese ancestry created the only strategic plan in the United States to teach the Portuguese language and cultures in California public and private schools, colleges, and universities in order to contribute to the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of our state and to foster a deeper connection to, and increase economic opportunities between, California and all the Portuguese-speaking countries throughout the world.
- 6) Portuguese Americans have made valuable and substantial contributions to every facet of California life including the entertainment industry, the most notable of whom are Mary Astor, Katy Perry, Tom Hanks, Joe Perry, Nuno Bettencourt, Steve Perry, and James Franco.

- 7) The Portuguese community press, through radio, newspaper, and television, have been important vehicles in maintaining the Portuguese American experience in California, serving as bridges to our multicultural state, currently through the Tribuna Portuguesa, the only bilingual Portuguese newspaper in the western United States.
- 8) The Portuguese Heritage Society of California built the Portuguese Historical Museum to serve as a center for the display of Portuguese heritage and culture, and the Portuguese Heritage Publications of California, through book publications, have recorded Portuguese contributions to this state in various facets.
- 9) The Portuguese Holy Ghost Festival and other religious and cultural festivals are an important part of the communities in which they are held, bringing communities together and preserving and disseminating in mainstream California the rich traditions of a proud people who are completely integrated into Californian society.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT**

ISSUE:

Should a 7.5% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) be provided to Assembly salaried employees effective July 1, 2022?

BACKGROUND:

The Consumer Price Index inflation rate is more than 7.5% since July 2021. This COLA will help reduce the impact of inflation and increased costs Assembly employees are facing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve