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State Capitol, Room 3162

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 129**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Cristina Garcia and Eggman**

August 28, 2017

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to civic engagement.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 129, as amended, Cristina Garcia. Civic engagement.

This measure would recognize the importance of civic engagement across the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Civic engagement, including voting in elections,  
2 volunteering in the community and for nonprofit services, and  
3 participating in the legislative process, to hold representatives  
4 accountable, is a critical component of our democratic government;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Civic engagement requires the broad involvement  
7 of not only representative stakeholders, but people and  
8 communities from all walks of life. Civic engagement combines  
9 values of inclusion, participation, and transparency, local  
10 knowledge, and processes and practices that foster dialogue, mutual  
11 understanding, creativity, and collective problem solving, while  
12 respecting individual autonomy and difference; and

13 WHEREAS, Less engaged communities are often more critical  
14 of the public engagement process, so it is important to attend and  
15 speak at city council meetings or other public forums, join

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1 neighborhood associations, grassroots groups, or community  
2 organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, The aspect of civic engagement that gets the most  
4 attention is voting, because by voting the people select who will  
5 represent them in government. In addition, California voters have  
6 the ability to engage in direct democracy through ballot initiatives  
7 and propositions; and

8 ~~WHEREAS, Participation in elections has been in a steady~~  
9 ~~decline over the past 15 years due to many factors including lack~~  
10 ~~of time, interest, or information, or general skepticism of the~~  
11 ~~process; and~~

12 *WHEREAS, According to data from the United States Elections*  
13 *Project, voter turnout in California has trailed national turnout*  
14 *in seven of the last eight federal general elections; and*

15 ~~WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to increase~~ *Increasing*  
16 *voter participation in order is necessary* to create a more inclusive  
17 democracy. California recently enacted legislation creating an  
18 automatic voter registration for eligible citizens who visit the  
19 Department of Motor Vehicles, allowing counties to adopt a new  
20 election model in which all registered voters will automatically  
21 receive their ballot 28 days prior to election day, and giving  
22 Californians the opportunity to register or reregister to vote all the  
23 way up to election day at county elections offices and other satellite  
24 locations; and

25 WHEREAS, Civic engagement includes many other ways that  
26 residents participate with their government, in addition to voting;  
27 and

28 ~~WHEREAS, Legislators legislate based on their experiences,~~  
29 ~~and which bills they introduce, and how they vote, is influenced~~  
30 ~~by their lives and the lives of their families and peers; and~~

31 ~~WHEREAS, In order for legislators to become more informed,~~  
32 ~~they rely upon their constituents to share their personal knowledge~~  
33 ~~and experiences; and~~

34 WHEREAS, The Legislature encourages individuals to continue  
35 to be engaged after election day, to contribute to, and be a part of,  
36 the legislative process. This includes meeting with their elected  
37 officials, tracking legislation on  
38 <http://www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>,  
39 watching legislative committee hearings on  
40 <http://www.calchannel.com>, testifying before legislative

1 committees, and voicing support and opposition on specific bills  
2 through telephone calls or letters; and bills, and participating in  
3 a “There Ought to be a Law” contest, which allows constituents  
4 to submit bill ideas with the winner of the contest having his or  
5 her bill introduced; and

6 WHEREAS, The public is encouraged to get involved in their  
7 communities as well, and the Legislature offers various programs  
8 to opportunities for the public including “Walk n’ Talks” where  
9 legislative updates are given and state and community services are  
10 brought to peoples’ doors with community volunteers; Community  
11 Coffees where residents can meet with their elected officials over  
12 a cup of coffee to receive legislative updates, meet with their  
13 elected officials to discuss their ideas, questions, and concerns  
14 about legislation and state issues; “#Pride58” which honors  
15 deserving individuals, organizations, and businesses that serve  
16 their communities with distinction and encourages residents to  
17 ensure that those who do good work are recognized; Open Houses  
18 where the community is invited to the Downey District Office to  
19 meet elected officials and their staff to learn about constituent  
20 services; and “There Ought to be a Law” which allows constituents  
21 to submit bill ideas and the winner of the contest has their bill  
22 introduced; issues, and to learn about local organizations and  
23 ways to get involved; and

24 WHEREAS, Getting youth to become more civically engaged  
25 is critical given that less than one-half of eligible young people 18  
26 to 24 years of age, inclusive, voted in the 2012 elections. In  
27 California, less than 50 percent of high school seniors surveyed  
28 viewed being actively involved in state and local issues as their  
29 responsibility; at 7.5 percent, the youth share of the state’s 2016  
30 primary vote was much smaller than the youth share of the eligible  
31 voter population, which is 14.2 percent; and

32 WHEREAS, The Legislature is encouraging youth to get more  
33 engaged by revitalizing civic learning and participation in  
34 California through the State Seal of Civil Civic Engagement, which  
35 allows students who develop a deeper understanding of civics  
36 through active engagement in their communities to receive an  
37 insignia on their diplomas; and

38 WHEREAS, People who are 16 and 17 years of age can now  
39 preregister with their county elections offices to vote as soon as  
40 they turn 18 years of age; and

1 WHEREAS, Youth involvement in the legislative process is  
2 especially important. The Legislature has taken critical steps to  
3 further increase youth participation ~~through programs like the~~  
4 ~~Young Legislature Program, which provides high school students~~  
5 ~~with the opportunity~~ *by providing youth with opportunities* to  
6 become acquainted with the legislative process and ~~to~~ integrate  
7 themselves into their local communities through service; ~~and the~~  
8 ~~Fellows in Government program, which is a month-long interactive~~  
9 ~~program designed to expose 8th graders to how legislation impacts~~  
10 ~~their daily lives and empower them to find their own voice in~~  
11 ~~government; and~~

12 WHEREAS, Because civic engagement has steadily declined  
13 both in California and nationally over the last two decades, it is  
14 important that we take time to explore what engagement tools and  
15 processes will best meet the needs and conditions of specific  
16 populations; and

17 WHEREAS, More programs are needed to encourage civic  
18 engagement and involvement in the legislative process from all  
19 populations and communities in California, especially minority  
20 populations, underrepresented communities, and students; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance  
24 of civic engagement across the State of California; 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: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 129 (Cristina Garcia) – As Amended September 8, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Civic engagement

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the importance of civic engagement across the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Civic engagement, including voting in elections, volunteering in the community and for nonprofit services, and participating in the legislative process, to hold representatives accountable, is a critical component of our democratic government.
- 2) Civic engagement requires the broad involvement of not only representative stakeholders, but people and communities from all walks of life. Civic engagement combines values of inclusion, participation, and transparency, local knowledge, and processes and practices that foster dialogue, mutual understanding, creativity, and collective problem solving, while respecting individual autonomy and difference.
- 3) The aspect of civic engagement that gets the most attention is voting, because by voting the people select who will represent them in government. In addition, California voters have the ability to engage in direct democracy through ballot initiatives and propositions.
- 4) According to data from the United States Elections Project, voter turnout in California has trailed national turnout in seven of the last eight federal general elections.
- 5) Increasing voter participation is necessary to create a more inclusive democracy. California recently enacted legislation creating an automatic voter registration for eligible citizens who visit the Department of Motor Vehicles, allowing counties to adopt a new election model in which all registered voters will automatically receive their ballot 28 days prior to election day, and giving Californians the opportunity to register or reregister to vote all the way up to election day at county elections offices and other satellite locations.
- 6) The public is encouraged to get involved in their communities as well, and the Legislature offers various opportunities for the public to receive legislative updates, meet with their elected officials to discuss their ideas, questions, and concerns about legislation and state issues, and to learn about local organizations and ways to get involved.
- 7) The Legislature is encouraging youth to get more engaged by revitalizing civic learning and participation in California through the State Seal of Civic Engagement, which allows students who develop a deeper understanding of civics through active engagement in their communities to receive an insignia on their diplomas.
- 8) Because civic engagement has steadily declined both in California and nationally over the last two decades, it is important that we take time to explore what engagement tools and processes will best meet the needs and conditions of specific populations.

- 9) More programs are needed to encourage civic engagement and involvement in the legislative process from all populations and communities in California, especially minority populations, underrepresented communities, and students.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

## House Resolution

No. 60

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Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

September 5, 2017

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House Resolution No. 60—Relative to the International Day of the Girl Child.

1 WHEREAS, The International Day of the Girl began as a project  
2 of Plan International, a worldwide nongovernmental organization,  
3 out of the Because I am a Girl campaign, which raises awareness  
4 of the importance of nurturing girls globally and in developing  
5 countries in particular; and

6 WHEREAS, October 11 was designated by the United Nations  
7 as the International Day of the Girl Child, first observed in 2012  
8 and each year thereafter; and

9 WHEREAS, The International Day of the Girl Child recognizes  
10 that the empowerment of, and investment in, girls and the  
11 meaningful participation by girls in decisions that affect them, are  
12 key in breaking the cycle of discrimination and violence and in  
13 promoting and protecting the full and effective enjoyment of human  
14 rights; and

15 WHEREAS, There are 1.1 billion girls today, a powerful  
16 constituency for shaping a sustainable world that is better for all  
17 of us, and one that is brimming with talent and creativity. Girls'  
18 dreams and potential, however, are often stymied by discrimination,  
19 violence, and lack of equal opportunities; and

20 WHEREAS, One such issue is child, early, and forced marriage.  
21 The data shows that one in three girls in developing countries,  
22 except China, get married before they turn 18 years of age. Girls  
23 who are child brides lose education opportunities, are more



1 vulnerable to physical and sexual violence, and bear children before  
2 they are physically or emotionally ready. This cycle of violence  
3 carries over into womanhood and across generations; and

4 WHEREAS, There are glaring gaps in data and knowledge about  
5 the specific needs and challenges girls face. The theme for this  
6 year's International Day of the Girl Child, therefore, is "Girls'  
7 Progress = Goals' Progress: a Global Data Movement," and is a  
8 call for action on the increased investment in collecting and  
9 analyzing girl-focused, girl-relevant, and sex-disaggregated data;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
12 Assembly honors October 11, 2017, as the International Day of  
13 the Girl Child as a day of observance that supports more  
14 opportunities for girls and increases awareness of inequality faced  
15 by girls worldwide because of their gender; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 60 (Caballero) – As Amended September 8, 2017

**SUBJECT:** The International Day of the Girl Child

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes October 11, 2017, as the International Day of the Girl Child as a day of observance that supports more opportunities for girls and increases awareness of inequality faced by girls worldwide because of their gender. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The International Day of the Girl began as a project of Plan International, a worldwide nongovernmental organization, out of the Because I am a Girl campaign, which raises awareness of the importance of nurturing girls globally and in developing countries in particular.
- 2) There are 1.1 billion girls today, a powerful constituency for shaping a sustainable world that is a better for all of us, and one that is brimming with talent and creativity. Girls' dreams and potential, however, are often stymied by discrimination, violence, and lack of equal opportunities.
- 3) One such issue is child, early, and forced marriage. The data shows that one in three girls in developing countries, except China, get married before they turn 18 years of age. These child brides lose education opportunities, are more vulnerable to physical and sexual violence, and bear children before they are physically or emotionally ready. This cycle of violence carries over into womanhood and across generations.
- 4) There are glaring gaps in data and knowledge about the specific needs and challenges girls face. The theme for this year's International Day of the Girl Child, therefore, is "Girls' Progress = Goals' Progress: a Global Girl Data Movement," and is a call for action on the increased investment in collecting and analyzing girl-focused, girl-relevant, and sex-disaggregated data.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

## House Resolution

**No. 61**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry and Friedman  
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Burke and Reyes)  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Baker, Caballero, Cervantes,  
Eggman, Cristina Garcia, Gonzalez Fletcher, Irwin, Limón,  
Melendez, Quirk-Silva, Rubio, Waldron, and Weber)**

September 5, 2017

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House Resolution No. 61—Relative to Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

1 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, with  
2 the exception of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly  
3 diagnosed cancer among American women; and  
4 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as the  
5 leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women; and  
6 WHEREAS, Approximately 24,985 women and 200 men are  
7 diagnosed with breast cancer in California each year, and  
8 approximately 4,280 women and 35 men die of the disease; and  
9 WHEREAS, The number of women who die of breast cancer  
10 each year in California constitutes one-tenth of the number of  
11 women who die of breast cancer in the United States; and  
12 WHEREAS, The chance of a woman having invasive breast  
13 cancer in her lifetime is about 1 in 8, and the chance of dying from  
14 breast cancer is about 1 in 36; and  
15 WHEREAS, The risk of getting breast cancer increases with  
16 age; and  
17 WHEREAS, Earlier detection of breast cancer through  
18 mammography and self-examination increases chances of  
19 successful treatment; and

1 WHEREAS, With early detection and proper treatment, the  
2 five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer has increased from  
3 72 percent in the 1940s to 89.2 percent today. However, once the  
4 cancer spreads beyond the breast, the survival rate decreases to 25  
5 percent, even with modern treatments and technologies; and

6 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood health centers across California  
7 administered approximately 80,000 breast cancer screenings in  
8 2016, marking a 5.5-percent increase from the number of breast  
9 cancer screenings administered in 2015. This positive trend reflects  
10 an increasing awareness that early breast cancer detection is  
11 necessary to defeat the disease; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Preventive Services Task Force  
13 recommends that women between 50 and 74 years of age should  
14 have a breast examination by a health expert every two years; and

15 WHEREAS, Mammography is the single most effective method  
16 of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical  
17 symptoms, detectable lumps, or abnormalities can be felt; and

18 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all Californians to join  
19 this continuing battle against breast cancer by promoting greater  
20 awareness of the need for early detection and appropriate treatment,  
21 and of the importance of finding a cure and a means of prevention;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
24 month of October 2017 is hereby declared “Breast Cancer  
25 Awareness and Prevention Month” in California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 61 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced September 5, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of October 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) According to the American Cancer Society, with the exception of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women and is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women.
- 2) Approximately 24,985 women and 200 men are diagnosed with breast cancer in California each year, and approximately 4,280 women and 35 men die of the disease.
- 3) The risk of getting breast cancer increases with age. Earlier detection of breast cancer through mammography and self-examination increases chances of successful treatment.
- 4) The United States Preventative Services Task Force recommends that women between the ages of 50 and 74 should have a breast examination by a health expert every two years. Mammography is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms, detectable lumps, or abnormalities can be felt.
- 5) It is in the best interest of all Californians to join this continuing battle against breast cancer by promoting greater awareness of the need for early detection and appropriate treatment, and of the importance of finding a cure and a means of prevention.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Association of Northern California Oncologists  
California Radiological Society  
Medical Oncology Association of Southern California, Inc.  
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC)

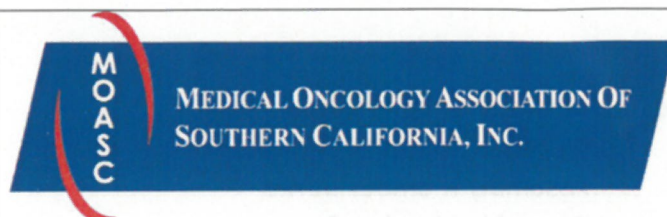
**Opposition**

None on file

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Member, Association of Community Cancer Centers  
Member, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship*



**September 8, 2017**

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: HR 61 (Aguiar-Curry, Friedman), Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month – Support**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

The Association of Northern California Oncologists and the Medical Oncology Association of Southern California are pleased to write in support of House Resolution 61, which declares the month of October 2017 as “Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month” in California. This resolution promotes the need for early detection and appropriate treatment, and the importance of finding a cure and a means of prevention for the disease.

Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women. In California alone, approximately 24,000 women and 200 men are diagnosed with breast cancer annually. Of these women and men, approximately 4,000 of them will die from the disease.

The five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer has increased with early detection, and the greater use of mammography and self-examination has increased the chances of successful treatment. In many instances, mammography is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms, detectable lumps, or abnormalities can be felt. Since the 1940s, early detection has increased the survival rate from 72% to 89.2% today.

HR 61 reflects California’s commitment to the promotion of life-saving early detection methods. It also reemphasizes the Legislature’s commitment to play their part in helping to find a cure.

Thank you for your consideration of our strong support for HR 61 (Aguiar-Curry) and Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month. If we can provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us or our representative in Sacramento, Nicette Short at [nicette@frednoteware.com](mailto:nicette@frednoteware.com) or 916.448.9777.

Sincerely,

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September 7, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: HR 61 (Aguiar-Curry), Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month – Support**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

The California Radiological Society writes in support of HR 61, which declares the month of October 2017 as "Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month" in California. This resolution promotes the need for early detection and appropriate treatment, and the importance of finding a cure and a means of prevention for the disease.

Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women. In California alone, approximately 24,000 women and 200 men are diagnosed with breast cancer annually. Of these women and men, approximately 4,000 of them will die from the disease.

The five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer has increased with early detection. Greater use of mammography and self-examination has increased the chances of successful treatment. In many instances, mammography is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms, detectable lumps, or abnormalities can be felt. Since the 1940s, early detection has increased the survival rate from 72% to 89.2% today.

HR 61 reflects California's commitment to the promotion of life-saving early detection methods. It also reemphasizes the Legislature's commitment to play their part in helping to find a cure. Thank you for your consideration of our strong support for HR 61 (Aguiar-Curry) and Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month. Should you have any questions, please contact Bob Achermann at (916) 446-2028 or [bachermann@amgroup.us](mailto:bachermann@amgroup.us).

Sincerely,

Bob Achermann  
Legislative Advocate



Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

September 7, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: HR 61 (Aguiar-Curry) – STRONG SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

On behalf of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) and our community health centers throughout the state, I am writing to express our support for House Resolution 61, which proclaims the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

In 2016, Planned Parenthood health centers across the state administered approximately 80,000 breast cancer screenings. This marks a 5.5% increase in the number of patients coming through our doors seeking a diagnosis. While we are pleased more Californians are seeking treatment, much work needs to be continued to spread awareness of breast cancer and to ensure Californians have access to quality health care services like those provided by Planned Parenthood. HR 61 continues these efforts.

Early detection and treatment is the key to overcoming breast cancer. When detected early enough, approximately 98% of women can survive the disease. HR 61 serves the vital purpose of expanding awareness of breast cancer screenings throughout California and may result in saving several lives.

Planned Parenthood treats all Californians, regardless of income or immigration status and encourages the public to visit their local Planned Parenthood for comprehensive reproductive health services, including breast cancer screenings.

For these reasons, PPAC strongly supports HR 61 and respectfully requests your favorable consideration on this important resolution.

Sincerely,

Gregory Cramer  
Legislative Advocate, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

cc: The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
Members, Assembly Rules Committee



AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 29, 2017

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 6**

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**Introduced by Senator Nguyen**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Kalra)

December 19, 2016

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to the Republic of Vietnam Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 6, as amended, Nguyen. Republic of Vietnam Month.

This measure proclaims the month of October 2017 as Republic of Vietnam Month, in commemoration of the 61st anniversary of the adoption of the first Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, in honor of the lives lost for freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War, and in recognition of the positive contributions of Vietnamese Americans to the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The people of the Republic of Vietnam (South  
2 Vietnam) and the United States found common ground in their  
3 shared principles of democracy and individual liberties, coming  
4 together to valiantly defend these tenets against communism; and  
5 WHEREAS, October 2017 marks the 61st anniversary of the  
6 adoption of the first Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam,  
7 which established that nation's first democracy; and  
8 WHEREAS, Until the Fall of Saigon in 1975, on April 30, 1975,  
9 the government of the Republic of Vietnam sought to defend the  
10 lives, freedom, and property of its people and was at the forefront  
11 of the fight for democracy in Southeast Asia; and

1 WHEREAS, In an effort to protect the democratic government  
2 of the Republic of Vietnam from socialist control, the United  
3 States, Australia, the Philippines, New Zealand, South Korea,  
4 Taiwan, and Thailand fought vigorously to aid the Republic of  
5 Vietnam in their fight against communism; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, The United States Department of State's 2014  
19 edition of the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for  
20 Vietnam estimates 125 political detainees are being held, and the  
21 International Labor Rights Forum reports that mistreatment has  
22 continued at reeducation centers, including forcing detainees to  
23 produce goods for private companies; and

24 WHEREAS, Human rights, religious freedom, democracy, and  
25 protection against threats of aggression are important concerns of  
26 Vietnamese Americans and Vietnamese communities worldwide  
27 stemming from human rights abuses that continue to occur in  
28 Vietnam in the following areas, among others, child labor, human  
29 trafficking, religious and political persecution, suppression of the  
30 press, unlawful deprivation of life, forced disappearances, and land  
31 seizure; and

32 WHEREAS, We must teach our children and future generations  
33 important lessons from the Vietnam War and the continuing  
34 situation in Vietnam, including how the plight of the Vietnamese  
35 refugees following the end of the war serves as a powerful example  
36 of the values of freedom and democracy and how we can improve  
37 the quality of life of the veterans and disabled veterans of the Army  
38 of the Republic of Vietnam and draw attention to the plight of the  
39 wives of the fallen soldiers who continue to suffer; and

1 WHEREAS, For their brave resolution to defend freedom around  
2 the world, Republic of Vietnam Month seeks to recognize the  
3 sacrifice of the more than 58,000 American service members who  
4 lost their lives to defend democracy in Vietnam, as well as the  
5 more than one million people, including service members,  
6 supporting personnel, and their families, who made great sacrifices  
7 and contributions to the fight for freedom; and

8 WHEREAS, Republic of Vietnam Month also honors the  
9 members of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and government  
10 officials, many of whom perished or were captured and held in  
11 communist labor camps where they suffered unspeakable abuses,  
12 as well as to recognize the sacrifice of their families, especially  
13 the wives who displayed admirable courage in the face of tragedy;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, To honor the great sacrifices made in the fight for  
16 democracy, communities throughout California will dedicate the  
17 month of October as a time to reflect on principles of freedom and  
18 democracy and the sacrifices that have been made towards the  
19 attainment of these ideals, as well as to commemorate the  
20 anniversary of the first democracy of the Republic of Vietnam and  
21 to thank the millions of veterans around the world who fought  
22 during the Vietnam War; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
25 month of October 2017 as Republic of Vietnam Month, in  
26 commemoration of the 61st anniversary of the adoption of the first  
27 Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, in honor of the lives lost  
28 for freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War, and in  
29 recognition of the positive contributions of Vietnamese Americans  
30 to the State of California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 6 (Nguyen) – As Amended August 29, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Republic of Vietnam Month

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of October 2017 as the Republic of Vietnam Month, in commemoration of the 61st anniversary of the adoption of the first Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, in honor of the lives lost for freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War, and in recognition of the positive contributions of Vietnamese Americans to the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) October 2017 marks the 61st anniversary of the adoption of the first Constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, which established that nation's first democracy.
- 2) Until the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, the government of the Republic of Vietnam sought to defend the lives, freedom, and property of its people and was at the forefront of the fight for democracy in Southeast Asia.
- 3) In an effort to protect the democratic government of the Republic of Vietnam from socialist control, the United States, Australia, the Philippines, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand fought vigorously to aid the Republic of Vietnam in their fight against communism.
- 4) The United States welcomed many Vietnamese refugees following the collapse of the Republic of Vietnam, and today, the State of California is home to more than 500,000 Vietnamese Americans that enrich the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our state through their significant contributions to the fields of education, business, politics, arts, science, and technology.
- 5) For their brave resolution to defend freedom around the world, Republic of Vietnam Month seeks to recognize the sacrifice of the more than 58,000 American service members who lost their lives to defend democracy in Vietnam, as well as the more than one million people, including service members, supporting personnel, and their families, who made great sacrifices and contributions to the fight for freedom.
- 6) Republic of Vietnam Month also honors the members of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and government officials; many of whom perished or were captured and held in communist labor camps where they suffered unspeakable abuses, as well as to recognize the sacrifice of their families, especially the wives who displayed admirable courage in the face of tragedy.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 22, 2017

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 65**

**Introduced by Senator Newman**

**(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Atkins, Beall, Dodd, Glazer, Hertzberg, McGuire, Monning, Roth, Stern, Wieckowski, and Wilk)**

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Brough, Chávez, Mathis, and Voepel)**

June 20, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 65, as amended, Newman. Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim ~~September 24, 2017, to September 30, 2017, 3, 2017, to September 9, 2017,~~ inclusive, as Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Suicide is a serious and tragic public health
- 2 problem that can be prevented through increased awareness,
- 3 resources, and proper treatment; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Suicide affects all Americans, but data shows that
- 5 active duty service members and veterans ~~commit~~ *die* by suicide
- 6 at much higher rates than the civilian population; and
- 7 WHEREAS, In the United States Department of Defense's
- 8 (USDOD) "Quarterly Suicide Report" for the fourth quarter of
- 9 2016, the military services reported the following for all of 2016:
- 10 275 deaths by suicide for active military members; 203 deaths by

1 suicide for military reserve members; and 123 deaths by suicide  
2 for members of the National Guard; and

3 WHEREAS, The Defense Suicide Prevention Office in the  
4 USDOD is working diligently to reduce these staggering numbers  
5 through an integrated, holistic approach to suicide prevention,  
6 intervention, and postvention utilizing a range of medical and  
7 nonmedical resources; and

8 WHEREAS, In an effort to prevent suicides, the USDOD has  
9 recently launched a program entitled “Be There,” offering  
10 confidential peer coaching to active duty service members,  
11 including National Guard active and reserve members and their  
12 families, using 24-hours-per-day, 7-days-per-week chat, telephone,  
13 and text options. The program is staffed by peer coaches who are  
14 veteran service members and family members of veterans and aims  
15 to provide support for everyday problem solving, such as career  
16 and general life challenges; and

17 WHEREAS, We must recognize that this tragic epidemic is  
18 taking the lives of those who have most heavily borne the burden  
19 of protecting and serving their country, in the past and present. In  
20 2014, an average of 20 veterans died ~~from~~ by suicide each day,  
21 and six of the 20 were users of United States Department of  
22 Veterans Affairs (VA) services; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2014, although veterans constituted just 8.5  
24 percent of the United States population, they accounted for 18  
25 percent of all deaths ~~from~~ by suicide among United States adults;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, There is continued evidence of a heightened  
28 tendency toward suicide among ~~middled-age~~ *middle-aged* and  
29 older adult veterans. In 2014, approximately 65 percent of all  
30 veterans who died ~~from~~ by suicide were 50 years of age or older;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, In 2014, after adjusting for differences in age and  
33 gender, risk of suicide was 21 percent higher among veterans when  
34 compared to United States civilian adults. For male veterans, the  
35 risk of suicide was 18 percent higher when compared to United  
36 States civilian adult males. For female veterans, risk of suicide  
37 was 2.4 times higher when compared to United States civilian  
38 adult females; and

39 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2014, inclusive, the age-adjusted  
40 rate of suicide among United States civilian adults increased by

1 23 percent. In that same period, the suicide rate among United  
2 States veterans increased by 32.2 percent; and

3 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2014, inclusive, the age-adjusted  
4 rate of suicide among United States civilian adult males increased  
5 by 0.3 percent. In that same period, the suicide rate among United  
6 States veteran males increased by 30.5 percent; and

7 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2014, inclusive, the age-adjusted  
8 rate of suicide among United States civilian adult females increased  
9 by 39.7 percent. In that same period, the suicide rate among United  
10 States veteran females increased by 85.2 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, The VA has undertaken several measures to prevent  
12 suicide among veterans, including a 24-hours-per-day,  
13 seven-days-per-week veterans crisis telephone hotline, using  
14 predictive analytics to identify those at risk for suicide and  
15 providing early intervention services, bolstering mental health  
16 services for female veterans, expanding telemental health services,  
17 and proactively reaching out to veterans needing care; and

18 WHEREAS, This resolution endeavors to promote awareness  
19 of the problem of suicide and the particular epidemic facing the  
20 military population, and encourages active duty service members,  
21 veterans, service providers, advocates, and the people of the State  
22 of California to work together to continue to educate the public  
23 on how to recognize the warning signs and improve the outreach  
24 to, and treatment of, individuals at risk for suicide; now, therefore,  
25 be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
27 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims  
28 ~~September 24, 2017, to September 30, 2017, 3, 2017, to September~~  
29 ~~9, 2017, inclusive,~~ as Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention  
30 Awareness Week in California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ken Cooley, Chair

SCR 65 (Newman) – As Amended August 22, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 40-0

**SUBJECT:** Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims September 3, 2017, to September 9, 2017, inclusive, as Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Suicide affects all Americans, but data shows that active duty service members and veterans die by suicide at much higher rates than the civilian population.
- 2) In the United States Department of Defense's (USDOD) "Quarterly Suicide Report" for the fourth quarter of 2016, the military services reported the following for all of 2016: 275 deaths by suicide for active military members; 203 deaths by suicide for military reserve members; and 123 deaths by suicide for members of the National Guard.
- 3) The Defense Suicide Prevention Office in the USDOD is working diligently to reduce these staggering numbers through an integrated, holistic approach to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention utilizing a range of medical and nonmedical resources.
- 4) In an effort to prevent suicides, the USDOD has recently launched a program entitled "Be There," offering confidential peer coaching to active duty service members, including National Guard active and reserve members and their families, using 24-hours-per-day, seven-days-per-week chat, telephone, and text options. The program is staffed by peer coaches who are veteran service members and family members of veterans and aims to provide support for everyday problem solving, such as career and general life challenges.
- 5) We must recognize that this tragic epidemic is taking the lives of those who have most heavily borne the burden of protecting and serving their country, in the past and present. In 2014, an average of 20 veterans died by suicide each day, and six of the 20 were users of United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) services.
- 6) The VA has undertaken several measures to prevent suicide among veterans, including a 24-hours-per-day, seven-days-per-week veterans crisis telephone hotline, using predictive analytics to identify those at risk for suicide and providing early intervention services, bolstering mental health services for female veterans, expanding telemental health services, and proactively reaching out to veterans needing care.
- 7) This resolution endeavors to promote awareness of the problem of suicide and the particular epidemic facing the military population, and encourages active duty service members, veterans, service providers, advocates, and the people of the State of California to work together to continue to educate the public on how to recognize the warning signs and improve the outreach to, and treatment of, individuals at risk for suicide.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

AMVETS-Department of California  
American G.I Forum of California  
American Legion-Department of California  
California Association of County Veterans Service Officers  
California State Commanders Veterans Council  
Mental Health America of California  
Military Officers Association of California, CA Council of Chapters  
Steinberg Institute  
Vietnam Veterans of America-California State Council

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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September 8, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 65 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Cooley:

On behalf of my clients, the **AMVETS-Department of California (SPONSOR)**, the **American G.I Forum of California**, the **American Legion-Department of California**, the **California Association of County Veterans Service Officers**, the **California State Commanders Veterans Council**, the **Military Officers Association of America**, **California Council of Chapters**, and the **Vietnam Veterans of America-California State Council**, I am writing to express our support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 65, which recognizes and promotes mental health, suicide awareness, and prevention.

**AMVETS, Department of California** has approximately 10,000 members and over 50 local posts and is the California unit of AMVETS. AMVETS or American Veterans was formed in 1944 to help WWII veterans obtain the benefits promised to them by the federal government. AMVETS continues this commitment to America's veterans, their families, and the active military by assisting them to secure their earned entitlements.

The **American G.I. Forum (AGIF)** is a congressionally chartered Hispanic veterans and civil rights organization founded in 1948. Its motto is "Education is Our Freedom and Freedom should be Everybody's Business". AGIF operates chapters throughout the United States, with a focus on veterans' issues, education, and civil rights.

The **American Legion**, founded in 1919, is an organization of veterans of the United States Armed Forces who served in wartime. The **American Legion** is active in supporting the interests of veterans and lobbying on their behalf. Members are kept informed on legislation at the federal and state levels which impacts veterans. **The American Legion, Department of California** has over 135,000 members and represents the interests of California's 2.2 million veterans and their families.

The **California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO)** is a professional training and legislative organization comprising the 56 counties, which have established 54

County Veterans Service Officers throughout the state dedicated to serving California's 2.2 million veterans as well as their dependents and survivors.

The **California State Commanders Veterans Council** is a group of 22 veterans service organizations, and other military service related organizations, whose mission is to evaluate pending state legislation affecting California's veterans, whether active, reserve, National Guard, or retired.

The **Military Officers Association of America, California Council of Chapter's** mission is to support directly and through their affiliated chapters, the military community. This includes active, retired, former commissioned and warrant officers of all seven Uniformed Services including the National Guard and Reserve components and their surviving spouses. **CAL-MOAA** as it is known, strives to preserve and enhance their rights, benefits, entitlements, and quality of life.

The **Vietnam Veterans of America, California State Council** has over 3500 members and is the California unit of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). VVA was founded in 1978 to promote, support, and aggressively advocate on the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, the next generation of America's war veterans, and to also serve our local communities.

The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the only national Vietnam veterans organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. Nationwide, the VVA has over 50,000 members.

Sincerely,

*Pete Conaty*

Pete Conaty  
*Lieutenant Colonel*  
*U.S. Army (Retired)*





September 8, 2017

Assemblymember Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: Mental Health America of California Supports SCR 65**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

Mental Health America of California (MHAC) strongly supports SCR 65 and is honored to co-sponsor this important resolution.

This bill raises awareness about suicide within the military and among veterans and proclaims Military and Veteran Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week. Suicide is a serious and tragic public health problem that can be prevented through mental health and substance use awareness, services, and support. Suicide affects all Americans, but data show that active duty service members and veterans die by suicide at much higher rates than the civilian population. SCR 65 brings attention to a stigmatized topic to save the lives of those who have courageously served our country and protected us.

MHAC's mission is to ensure that people of all ages, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, etc. who require mental health services and supports are able to live full and productive lives, receive the mental health services and other services that they need, and are not denied any other benefits, services, rights, or opportunities based on their need for mental health services.

Again, MHAC strongly supports SCR 65 and is proud to co-sponsor the bill. Please feel free to call me at 916-837-2214 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zima Creason".

Zima Creason  
President & CEO

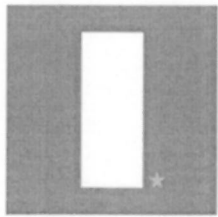
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ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH POLICY & INSPIRING LEADERSHIP

September 8, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
State Capitol, Room 2024  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SCR 65 (Newman): Military and Veteran Suicide and Prevention Awareness Week – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

The Steinberg Institute is a leading nonprofit public policy institute that supports and encourages effective and comprehensive mental health policymaking. We are pleased to support SCR 65, which would raise awareness about suicide within the military and among veterans.

California has the nation's largest veteran population with well over 1.8 million individuals, and a significant portion are faced with mental health issues, substance use problems, or both. After having made the kind of sacrifice they have for our country, every veteran in need of support services should have access to mental health services.

SCR 65 is a significant statement about the need to provide supportive services to our military and veterans. It is imperative that the public and state level decision makers acknowledge that suicide is a serious and tragic public health issue that can be prevented through mental health and substance use services, awareness, and support.

SCR 65 brings much needed attention to an often stigmatized topic so we can save the lives of those who have courageously served our country and protected us.

It is our great honor to support SCR 65. Please don't hesitate to contact me at (916) 553-4167 or [adrienne@steinberginstitute.org](mailto:adrienne@steinberginstitute.org) if you have any questions.

In Partnership,

Adrienne Shilton,  
Government Affairs Director

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**Introduced by Senator Vidak  
(Coauthors: Senators Bates and Fuller)**

July 19, 2017

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to National Eye Exam Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 70, as introduced, Vidak. National Eye Exam Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of August 2017 as National Eye Exam Month in California and that the Legislature joins communities across our nation to increase awareness about the importance of eye health and safety.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Eye health is inherently linked to overall health;  
2 and  
3 WHEREAS, Regular eye care can have a life-changing impact  
4 on preserving the vision of millions of people; and  
5 WHEREAS, Roughly 11 million Americans over 12 years of  
6 age need vision correction; and  
7 WHEREAS, Of the estimated 61 million adults in the United  
8 States at high risk for vision loss, only one-half have visited an  
9 eye doctor in the past 12 months; and  
10 WHEREAS, Due to an aging population, the number of blind  
11 and visually impaired people in the United States is estimated to  
12 double by 2030; and  
13 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of vision problems worldwide are  
14 avoidable or even curable; and

1 WHEREAS, A dilated eye exam is necessary to find eye diseases  
2 in the early stages when treatment to prevent vision loss is most  
3 effective; and

4 WHEREAS, Cataracts is the leading cause of vision loss in the  
5 United States, affecting more than 24.4 million Americans 40 years  
6 of age and older; and

7 WHEREAS, Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of  
8 blindness in American adults, affecting nearly 7.7 million  
9 Americans 40 years of age and older; and

10 WHEREAS, Glaucoma affects more than 2.7 million Americans  
11 40 years of age and older; and

12 WHEREAS, Age-related macular degeneration affects nearly  
13 2.1 million Americans 50 years of age and older; and

14 WHEREAS, Many eye diseases may cause vision damage and  
15 eventually blindness without the patient ever experiencing any  
16 symptoms; and

17 WHEREAS, Early treatment is critical to prevent common eye  
18 diseases from causing permanent vision loss or blindness; and

19 WHEREAS, National Eye Exam Month raises awareness among  
20 the general public and reminds them of the need for regular,  
21 comprehensive eye examinations to detect eye health problems,  
22 general health issues, and vision difficulties; and

23 WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to improve the health and  
24 vision of all Californians by educating them about the importance  
25 of healthy vision and the prevention of vision loss through regular,  
26 comprehensive eye examinations; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
29 month of August 2017 as National Eye Exam Month in California;  
30 and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our  
32 nation to increase awareness about the importance of eye health  
33 and safety; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 70 (Vidak) – As Introduced July 19, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** National Eye Exam Month

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of August 2017 as National Eye Exam Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Eye health is inherently linked to overall health. Regular eye care can have a life-changing impact on preserving the vision of millions of people with roughly 11 million Americans over 12 years of age needing vision correction.
- 2) Of the estimated 61 million adults in the United States at high risk for vision loss, only one-half have visited an eye doctor in the past 12 months. Eighty percent of vision problems worldwide are avoidable or even curable.
- 3) Many eye diseases may cause vision damage and eventually blindness without the patient ever experiencing any symptoms. Early treatment is critical to prevent common eye diseases from causing permanent vision loss or blindness.
- 4) National Eye Exam Month raises awareness among the general public and reminds them of the need for regular, comprehensive eye examinations to detect eye health problems, general health issues, and vision difficulties.
- 5) The Legislature joins communities across our nation to increase awareness about the importance of eye health and safety; and, seeks to improve the health and vision of all Californians by educating them about the importance of healthy vision and the prevention of vision loss through regular, comprehensive eye examinations.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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**Introduced by Senator Allen**

August 21, 2017

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to California Archives Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 75, as introduced, Allen. Archival institutions: California Archives Month.

This measure would recognize the essential role that archives and archivists have in the state and would proclaim the month of October 2017 as California Archives Month in the state.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, State and local governments, religious and medical  
2 institutions, colleges and universities, libraries, historical societies,  
3 museums, and businesses throughout California have established  
4 archives as a means of preserving our history; and

5 WHEREAS, Archives hold historically significant collections  
6 of unique materials, including government records, manuscripts,  
7 handwritten letters, diaries, maps, photographs, videotapes, and  
8 modern electronic data; and

9 WHEREAS, The first law in California, the Statutes of 1850,  
10 Chapter 1, “An Act concerning the Public Archives,” created the  
11 state’s archives; and

12 WHEREAS, Archival records are essential to support society’s  
13 increasing demand for accountability and transparency in  
14 government and in public and private institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, Archival records protect rights, property, and  
16 identity; and

1 WHEREAS, Archivists acquire, manage, preserve, and help  
2 patrons identify and use records that have enduring value as reliable  
3 memories of the past, and help people find and understand the  
4 information they need in those records; and

5 WHEREAS, Archivists provide exhibitions using archival  
6 materials to facilitate the study of California's rich history; and

7 WHEREAS, Archivists make records available for study and  
8 appreciation, whether in a local repository or via the Internet; and

9 WHEREAS, Archivists play a key role in ensuring that the  
10 digital records being created today will be accessible when needed  
11 in the future; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the essential  
14 role that archives and archivists have in the state to acquire,  
15 manage, preserve, and help patrons identify and use records of  
16 enduring value that document our state's history, and proclaims  
17 the month of October 2017 as California Archives Month; and be  
18 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 75 (Allen) – As Introduced August 21, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 40-0

**SUBJECT:** Archival institutions: California Archives Month

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of October 2017 as California Archives Month and recognizes the essential role that archives and archivists have in the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) State and local governments, religious and medical institutions, colleges and universities, libraries, historical societies, museums, and businesses throughout California have established archives as a means of preserving our history.
- 2) Archives hold historically significant collections of unique materials, including government records, manuscripts, handwritten letters, diaries, maps, photographs, videotapes, and modern electronic data.
- 3) The first law in California, the Statutes of 1850, Chapter 1, “An Act concerning the Public Archives,” created the state’s archives. Archival records are essential to support society’s increasing demand for accountability and transparency in government and in public and private institutions.
- 4) Archivists acquire, manage, preserve, and help patrons identify and use records that have enduring value as reliable memories of the past, and help people find and understand the information they need in those records.
- 5) Archivists play a key role in ensuring that the digital records being created today will be accessible when needed in the future.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Alex Padilla, California Secretary of State  
California Historical Records Advisory Board  
Friends of the California Archives  
Society of California Archivists

**Opposition**

None on file

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



**ALEX PADILLA**  
CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

September 7, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SCR 75 (Allen) – California Archives Month – SPONSOR**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

I am pleased to sponsor Senate Concurrent Resolution 75 which would proclaim the month of October 2017 as California Archives Month.

State and local governments, religious and medical institutions, colleges and universities, libraries, and other entities throughout California have established archives as a means of preserving California's history. Archivists not only preserve these important records but assist members of the public and other patrons to access and understand the information contained in them. This information may be used to protect rights, property, and identity as well as promoting the study of California's rich history.

SCR 75 helps ensure that the essential role of California's archives and archivists is properly recognized and appreciated by formally establishing October 2017 as California Archives Month. Without the work of archives and archivists, the records that have enduring value as reliable memories of the past would be in danger of being lost.

Thank you for supporting SCR 75 to highlight the contribution made by archives across the state in acquiring, managing, and preserving records that document our state's history.

If you have any questions on this measure please contact me, or my Chief of Legislative Affairs James Schwab, at (916) 653-6774 or via email at [James.Schwab@sos.ca.gov](mailto:James.Schwab@sos.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Padilla".

Alex Padilla  
Secretary of State

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# California Historical Records Advisory Board

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The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Cooley,

I write in support of SCR-75 Archival institutions: California  
Archives Month.

A commitment to record-keeping with an eye to the future is essential to the operation of a civil society. The purpose of the California Historical Records Advisory Board (CHRAB), of which I am a member, is to support and promote record-keeping and archives in our state. California has more than four thousand archives that preserve and protect the records of governments, businesses, universities, and other organizations. Our citizens consult these historical records every day, in archival repositories and online, for scholarship, family history, legal needs, and innate interest in history. The availability of archival materials also ensures government accountability in our democracy.

In celebration and recognition of California's archives and the archivists who manage and preserve our heritage, CHRAB and our partners, such as the Society of California Archivists, annually commemorate California Archives Month in October. We create and distribute posters to promote our work, host popular public exhibits and special open houses, and strive in other ways to connect Californians to their past.

I and my fellow CHRAB members, as well as archivists across the state, applaud the California Senate for considering SCR-75. We urge its passage as part of our efforts to raise public awareness of the importance of archives, and the archivists who preserve and protect our historical documents.

Sincerely,



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September 8, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCR 75 (Allen) – California Archives Month

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

In behalf of the Friends of the California Archives, a nonprofit, public benefit organization formed in 2008 to support the preservation and use of archival materials, we are writing to express our continued and enthusiastic support for SCR 75, a resolution to declare October as California Archives Month. Any and all efforts to draw attention to the importance of preserving the rich historical records of this state, and the often-overlooked relevance and importance of those records to define, clarify and highlight the proper interpretation and application of such actions as are documented in historical records, is worthy of the Friends' unanimous and unwavering support. Archivists in the public and private arenas who are working to support, retain, protect, and explain these documents are to be commended. This Resolution helps to recognize their contributions to preserving history.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our endorsement of and support for SCR 75.

Sincerely,

Cathy Mitchell, President

Caren Daniels Lagomarsino, Secretary



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September 8, 2017

Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair  
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State Capitol, Room 3016  
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Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution 75

Dear Assemblyman Cooley:

I am writing on behalf of the Society of California Archivists (SCA) to ask you to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 75 (SCR 75) designating October as California Archives Month. Archives Month is a collaborative effort by professional organizations and repositories across America to highlight the nation's records of enduring value.

Archival records are essential to supporting society's increased demand for accountability and transparency in government, public and private institutions today, just as they were back in 1850 when our founders designated the first Statute "an Act Concerning the Public Archives" to ensure the safety of the historical records about California's founding were preserved forever.

American Archives Month is a time to focus on the importance of archival records and to enhance public recognition for the people and programs that are responsible for maintaining our communities' historical records.

The Society of California Archivists, a non-profit statewide professional organization with a membership of more than 500 archivists and records managers, recognizes the need for SCR 75, declaring October California Archives Month and celebrating everything archives do to ensure the safety and accessibility of the records in their care.

We urge your support for SCR 75 to declare October as California Archives Month. It will mean a great deal to the archivists in California and will help follow the steps of our founders in realizing the importance records have to our communities.

Sincerely,

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David Uhlich  
President, Society of California Archivist



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**Introduced by Senator Dodd**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Beall, Fuller, and Nguyen)**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Frazier)

August 21, 2017

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 77—Relative to Child Passenger Safety Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 77, as introduced, Dodd. Child Passenger Safety Week.

This measure would recognize the 3rd week of September 2017 and the 3rd week of September every year thereafter, as Child Passenger Safety Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Automobile collisions in the United States are the  
2 leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for children,  
3 accounting for 25 percent of all unintentional injury deaths, and  
4 taking the lives of more than 50 California youths under 14 years  
5 of age annually; and  
6 WHEREAS, Seventy-one percent of small children involved in  
7 fatal crashes would have survived if they had been properly  
8 restrained in child safety seats; and  
9 WHEREAS, Continued efforts must be supported to inform  
10 parents of the most effective passenger safety practices, such as  
11 having children ride rear-facing until two years of age and in the  
12 back seat because it is the safest place for children of any age to  
13 ride, especially those 12 years of age and under; and  
14 WHEREAS, Research indicates that critical misuse of child  
15 restraints is approximately 90 percent; and

1 WHEREAS, The use of booster seats reduces injuries to child  
2 occupants four to eight years of age, inclusive, by 45 percent; and

3 WHEREAS, While many educational and enforcement efforts  
4 target the proper restraints for infant and toddler passengers,  
5 increased efforts must also target the proper restraints for child  
6 passengers, four to eight years of age, inclusive, who are still at  
7 great risk; and

8 WHEREAS, Studies show that 9 out of 10 parents move their  
9 children from a booster seat to a seat belt before their children are  
10 big enough to stop using a booster seat; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of California requires that all occupants  
12 use seat belts correctly on every ride and that children ride in the  
13 back seat until they are at least eight years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations like the American  
15 Automobile Association of Northern California, Nevada and Utah,  
16 and the Automobile Club of Southern California implement  
17 year-round child passenger safety programs that offer free  
18 education or free car seat inspections to the general public by  
19 certified child passenger safety technicians; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of the California Highway Patrol's  
21 Child Passenger Safety program has worked for decades to reduce  
22 the mileage death rate among children through traffic safety  
23 presentations, child passenger restraint system contributions, and  
24 child protective services technician trainings; now, therefore, be  
25 it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the third week  
28 of September 2017, and the third week of September every year  
29 thereafter, as Child Passenger Safety Week; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That law enforcement, public health and health care  
31 organizations, passenger safety specialists, and child advocates  
32 are encouraged to observe Child Passenger Safety Week with  
33 appropriate programs, ceremonies, and educational activities and  
34 to continue their diligent year-round efforts to ensure the safety  
35 of California's children through enforcement and public education  
36 of our child passenger restraint laws and effective passenger safety  
37 practices; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 77 (Dodd) – As Introduced August 21, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Child Passenger Safety Week

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the 3rd week of September 2017 and the 3rd week of September every year thereafter, as Child Passenger Safety Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Automobile collisions in the United States are the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for children, accounting for 25 percent of all unintentional injury deaths, and taking the lives of more than 50 California youths under 14 years of age annually.
- 2) Seventy-one percent of small children involved in fatal crashes would have survived if they had been properly restrained in child safety seats.
- 3) Continued efforts must be supported to inform parents of the most effective passenger safety practices, such as having children ride rear-facing until two years of age and in the back seat because it is the safest place for children of any age to ride, especially those 12 years of age and under.
- 4) The use of booster seats reduces injuries to child occupants four to eight years of age, inclusive, by 45 percent.
- 5) While many educational and enforcement efforts target the proper restraints for infant and toddler passengers, increased efforts must also target the proper restraints for child passengers, four to eight years of age, inclusive, who are still at great risk.
- 6) The State of California requires that all occupants use seat belts correctly on every ride and that children ride in the back seat until they are at least eight years of age.
- 7) The Department of the California Highway Patrol's Child Passenger Safety program has worked for decades to reduce the mileage death rate among children through traffic safety presentations, child passenger restraint system contributions, and child protective services technician trainings.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

AAA Northern California

**Opposition**

None on file

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September 8, 2017

**RE: SCR 77 - Child Passenger Safety Week**  
**Position: Sponsorship and Support**

Dear Assembly Member Ken Cooley, Chair of the Rules Committee:

On behalf of AAA Northern California and our nearly 4 million members, we are privileged to support and sponsor SCR 77, which would declare the third week of September 2017 and every year thereafter as Child Passenger Safety Week.

AAA Northern California has been a leader and trusted advocate for the safety and security of people for over 100 years. Promoting safe travel and traffic safety is the core of our advocacy efforts, and we have been particularly focused on child passenger safety. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that the leading cause of death among children in the United States is due to motor vehicle accidents.

AAA Northern California is committed to raising awareness of the importance of child passenger safety, as studies show that roughly 90 percent of child safety seats are improperly used. AAA Northern California actively encourages safe traveling by offering free inspections by certified technicians to the general public to ensure that child passenger seats are properly installed.

AAA Northern California is extremely thankful for your consideration on this issue and we look forward to increased public awareness as a result of this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Moreno', written over a horizontal line.

John Moreno  
Manager, Public Affairs  
AAA Northern California, Nevada & Utah

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**Introduced by Senator Skinner  
(Coauthors: Senators Atkins, Bates, Galgiani, and Nguyen)**

August 28, 2017

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month of 2017.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 84, as introduced, Skinner. Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month of 2017.

This measure would proclaim the month of September 2017 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month of 2017.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer is the most deadly of all female  
2 reproductive system cancers; and  
3 WHEREAS, Each year, approximately 21,980 women will be  
4 diagnosed with ovarian cancer; and  
5 WHEREAS, In 2014, it was estimated that approximately 14,270  
6 women would die in the United States from ovarian cancer. Many  
7 women do not seek help until the disease has begun to spread, but  
8 if detected at its earliest state (Stage 1), the five-year survival rate  
9 is more than 93 percent. The symptoms of ovarian cancer are often  
10 subtle and easily confused with other ailments; and  
11 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that there  
12 will be over 22,280 new cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed this  
13 year and that more than 14,240 women will die from ovarian cancer  
14 this year; and  
15 WHEREAS, Approximately 50 percent of new cases of ovarian  
16 cancer are diagnosed in women over 63 years of age. Women



1 between 25 to 54 years of age account for approximately 25 percent  
2 of the cases; and

3 WHEREAS, One in 75 women will be diagnosed with ovarian  
4 cancer during her lifetime; and

5 WHEREAS, Most new cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed  
6 at Stage 3 or later, meaning the cancer has already begun to spread  
7 to the lymph nodes and outside of the pelvis; and

8 WHEREAS, The lives of mothers and daughters will be taken  
9 too soon, and the pain of this disease will touch too many families;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, During Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we  
12 honor the loved ones we have lost to this disease and all those who  
13 battle it today, and we continue our work to improve care and raise  
14 awareness about ovarian cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, When ovarian cancer is found in its early stages,  
16 treatment is most effective and the chances for recovery are  
17 greatest. However, ovarian cancer is difficult to detect early. There  
18 is no simple and reliable way to screen for this disease, symptoms  
19 are often not clear until later stages, and most women are diagnosed  
20 without being at high risk; and

21 WHEREAS, That is why it is important for all women to pay  
22 attention to their bodies and know what is normal for them. Women  
23 who experience unexplained changes, including abdominal pain,  
24 pressure, and swelling, should talk with their health care provider;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer and the hardship it brings have  
27 affected too many lives. This September, our state stands with  
28 everyone who has been touched by this disease, and we recognize  
29 all those committed to advancing the fight against this cancer  
30 through research, advocacy, and quality care. Together, let us  
31 renew our commitment to reducing the impact of ovarian cancer  
32 and to a future free from cancer in all its forms; now, therefore,  
33 be it

34 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of  
36 September 2017 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month of 2017;  
37 and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: September 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 84 (Skinner) – As Introduced August 28, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 40-0

**SUBJECT:** Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month of 2017

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of September 2017 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Ovarian cancer is the most deadly of all female reproductive system cancers. The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be over 22,280 new cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed this year and that more than 14,240 women will die from ovarian cancer this year.
- 2) One in 75 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer during her lifetime.
- 3) When ovarian cancer is found in its early stages, treatment is most effective and the chances for recovery are greatest. However, ovarian cancer is difficult to detect early. There is no simple and reliable way to screen for this disease, symptoms are often not clear until later stages, and most women are diagnosed without being at high risk.
- 4) That is why it is important for all women to pay attention to their bodies and know what is normal for them. Women who experience unexplained changes, including abdominal pain, pressure, and swelling, should talk with their health care provider.
- 5) During Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we honor the loved ones we have lost to this disease and all those who battle it today, and we continue our work to improve care and raise awareness about ovarian cancer.
- 6) Ovarian cancer and the hardship it brings have affected too many lives. This September, our state stands with everyone who has been touched by this disease, and we recognize all those committed to advancing the fight against this cancer through research, advocacy, and quality care. Together, let us renew our commitment to reducing the impact of ovarian cancer and to a future free from cancer in all its forms.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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