

House Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Leach

May 22, 2001

House Resolution No. 20—Relative to National Missing Children’s Day.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California has a long-standing
2 commitment to its citizens and children of all ages; and

3 WHEREAS, The problem of missing children is a serious one
4 that deserves the attention of all levels of government and law
5 enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has
7 reported that in the year 2000, there were 876,000 missing persons
8 reports, an increase of 1 percent over the year 1999; and

9 WHEREAS, It has been estimated by the National Center for
10 Missing and Exploited Children that children comprise between
11 85 and 90 percent of missing persons reports; and

12 WHEREAS, The FBI has also reported that the number of cases
13 which qualify as “endangered,” defined as missing and in the
14 company of another person under circumstances indicating that
15 his or her physical safety is in danger, are up 5.8 percent; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice
17 completed an exhaustive study in 1990 profiling the five
18 components of missing children and concluding that of the missing
19 persons reported, as many as 438,000 were children who were lost,
20 injured, or otherwise missing, and that there were 114,600
21 attempted abductions, and that same study discovered an

1 extremely high number of family abductions — as many as
2 354,100 in 1988; and

3 WHEREAS, May 25, 2001, has been designated as National
4 Missing Children’s Day; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That May
6 25, 2001, be recognized as National Missing Children’s Day; and
7 be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the National Center for Missing and Exploited
9 Children be commended for its diligent work as the national
10 clearing house for missing children; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Assembly of the State of California
12 encourages the people of the local community and throughout the
13 State of California to commit themselves in some way to the cause
14 of missing children by volunteering, aiding law enforcement, and
15 participating in programs to raise awareness to this problem; and
16 be it further

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

