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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 76

Introduced by Assembly Member Corbett

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May 23, 2001

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to California Safety Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 76, as amended, Corbett. California Safety Month.

This measure would recognize June 2001 as California Safety Month and would encourage all Californians to practice and promote increased safety while engaging in recreation, work, and other activities in their homes, in the workplace, at school, on streets and highways, and in other public and private places. It would further encourage all public agencies, community organizations, and other groups to distribute educational information, conduct programs, and engage in other

appropriate activities to promote safety methods and practices among all Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

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2 WHEREAS, According to the National Safety Council, in
3 1999, about 14,500,000 people nationwide suffered disabling
4 injuries in the home and in public places, and about 52,000 people
5 died from injuries, an alarming 21 percent increase from the
6 43,000 deaths due to injury in 1992; and
7 WHEREAS, In 1999, 3.8 out of every 100,000 workers, or
8 5,110 total workers nationwide, died as a result of an unintentional
9 injury in the workplace; and
10 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle fatalities totaled an unconscionable
11 40,800 in 1999; and
12 WHEREAS, Despite efforts to improve safety, including
13 advancements in technology, and legislation intended to create a
14 safer environment for Americans, the unintentional-injury death
15 toll continues to rise; and
16 WHEREAS, According to the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute,
17 head injuries cause 75 percent of the estimated 900 deaths resulting
18 from bicycle accidents each year, and wearing a bicycle helmet
19 reduces the risk of serious head and brain injury due to an accident
20 by 85 percent; and
21 WHEREAS, Brain surgeons and other doctors nationwide agree
22 that wearing bicycle helmets can save lives; and
23 WHEREAS, More than 700,000 persons need hospital
24 emergency room treatment each year for injuries related to
25 skateboarding; and
26 WHEREAS, According to the Brain Injury Association, about
27 82,000 people suffer brain injuries each year while playing sports;
28 and
29 WHEREAS, Injuries to persons riding scooters has increased
30 dramatically during the past two years; and
31 WHEREAS, The summer season, traditionally a time of
32 increased unintentional-injury fatalities, is an appropriate time to
33 focus attention on safety issues; and
34 WHEREAS, Preventing unintentional injuries and deaths
35 requires the efforts and cooperation of all levels of government,
36 private associations, and members of the public; and



1 WHEREAS, The National Safety Council has declared June
2 2001 to be National Safety Month and has encouraged states to
3 similarly observe that month and focus on safety issues; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
7 recognizes June 2001 as California Safety Month; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to
9 practice and promote increased safety while engaging in
10 recreation, work, and other activities in their homes, in the
11 workplace, at school, on streets and highways, and in other public
12 and private places; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all public agencies,
14 community organizations, and other groups to distribute
15 educational information, conduct programs, and engage in other
16 appropriate activities to promote safety methods and practices
17 among all Californians.

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