

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 109

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 137

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 109, Pavley. Coastal Cleanup Day.

This measure would proclaim September 15, 2001, as the 17th annual Coastal Cleanup Day in California.

WHEREAS, California is blessed with an 1,100-mile coastline that is a world-renowned symbol of the meeting of land and sea; and

WHEREAS, California's coastal-related businesses, which include tourism, transportation at the ports, fishing, and recreation, contribute over \$17,000,000,000 per year to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, These industries have developed as a result of the state's reputation for striking coastal features, clean ocean waters, spectacular views, diversity of marine species, and numerous ocean-based recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Nonpoint source pollution or polluted runoff, including trash, is the state's most significant source of water pollution, impairing estuaries, bays, and nearshore waters along the coast; and

WHEREAS, Last year, more than 43,000 individuals participated in Coastal Cleanup Day, and they picked up more than 700,000 pounds of trash and debris; and

WHEREAS, For economic, aesthetic, and environmental reasons, the quality of California's coast and beaches is a paramount concern to all residents; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Cleanup Day is sponsored by the California Coastal Commission, with local cosponsorship by many civic, community, and corporate organizations; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Cleanup Day is a celebration of individual commitment to preserving our coastal environment; it is a day when tens of thousands of individuals will take to the beaches from San Diego to the Oregon border, to the lakefront of Lake Tahoe, and to the shorelines, inland creeks, rivers, and other waterways throughout California, to collect the debris that fouls our beaches; now, therefore, be it



*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That, in recognition of the common thread of individual action and active commitment to maintaining the beauty and well-being of California's streams, rivers, and ocean, the Legislature hereby proclaims Saturday, September 15, 2001, as the 17th annual Coastal Cleanup Day in California.

