

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 243

Adopted in Assembly August 28, 2002

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Adopted in Senate August 30, 2002

Secretary of the Senate

This resolution was received by the Secretary of
State this _____ day of _____, 2002,
at _____ o'clock __M.

Deputy Secretary of State



RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 243—Relative to
Constitution Week and Constitution Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 243, Mountjoy. Constitution Week and Constitution
Day.

This measure would declare the week of September 15-21,
2002, as Constitution Week and September 17 as Constitution Day
and would request the Governor to proclaim Constitution Week
and Constitution Day in a proclamation that would include
specified provisions.

WHEREAS, The delegates to the 1787 Constitutional
Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, crafted the
Constitution to be a unique experiment in self-government, which
recognized the dangers of concentrating too much power in one
person, branch, or institution of government; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate and fitting that Californians
commemorate the historical contributions that the United States
Constitution has made to citizens and its significance in preserving
the individual freedoms, liberties, and common welfare of the
people who live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Since the cowardly terrorist attacks against the
World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, the
people of California and the United States have witnessed the
strength that the Constitution has provided to our republic, as
shown not only by how judiciously our armed forces responded,
but also in our continued commitment to ensuring that the
freedoms and values embodied by our Constitution continue to
endure and not fall victim to terrorism themselves; and

WHEREAS, Especially in light of the September 11 tragedy, it
is appropriate and fitting that Californians commemorate the
historical contributions that the United States Constitution has
made to their lives, and its continued significance in preserving the
individual freedoms, liberties, and common welfare embodied
therein; now, therefore, be it



Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby declares the week of September 15-21, 2002, as Constitution Week and September 17 as Constitution Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor is hereby requested to proclaim Constitution Week and Constitution Day and that the proclamation shall do all of the following:

(1) Call upon those in positions of authority or influence to bring to the attention of California's citizens the importance of the United States Constitution in shaping and articulating the basic values that underlie the unique character of American civilization and culture, based on the belief that all power emanates from the people and that governmental authority is based upon the consent of the governed.

(2) Encourage elected and appointed officers and employees at all levels of government and in all public and educational institutions to develop new programs and new ideas by which the citizens of this state and nation can better understand and improve the effectiveness of all branches of government established within the American constitutional system.

(3) Remind all citizens of California that the preservation of our Constitution, as well as our freedom and liberty, is the responsibility of every Californian; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California.



Attest:

Secretary of State

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