

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 83

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 10, Polanco. Mexican Independence Day: Dies y Seis de Septiembre.

This measure would call on all the people of California to join the people of Mexico and all Californians of Mexican heritage in celebrating Mexican Independence Day on the anniversary of the popular revolt of September 16, 1810, that launched Mexico's war for independence.

WHEREAS, Shortly before dawn on September 16, 1810, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla made a momentous decision that revolutionized the course of Mexican history; and

WHEREAS, Dies y Seis de Septiembre, the 16th of September, marks the day that Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, one of Mexico's founders, made the call for Mexico's independence; and on that day he issued the revolutionary document "El Grito de Dolores" (the Cry of Dolores) that called for racial equality, land reform, and independence from French-controlled Spain; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo, who was approaching 60 years of age, had close ties with Mexican-born Spaniards, known as criollos, and was beloved and greatly respected by Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, Don Miguel's proclamation marked the beginning of the Mexican people's long struggle for independence from the tyranny of a distant monarchy; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 11 years later, New Spain won its independence from Old Spain and proclaimed itself the Republic of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Forty years later, the Mexican people drove a new invader in the form of troops from France from their soil and established, once and for all, their independence from foreign domination; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo is still revered as the father of Mexican independence, and concerned citizens of Mexican ancestry will be observing Dies y Seis de Septiembre, the 16th of September, as the day that Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla launched the war for Mexico's independence; now, therefore, be it



Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby calls on all the people of California to join the people of Mexico and all Californians of Mexican heritage in celebrating Dies y Seis de Septiembre, the 16th of September, with the cry of Don Miguel Hidalgo: “Long live independence! Death to bad government!”

