

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 35

Adopted in Assembly April 11, 2005

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Adopted in Senate April 21, 2005

Secretary of the Senate

This resolution was received by the Secretary of State this
_____ day of _____, 2005, at _____
o'clock ____M.

Deputy Secretary of State

Second enrollment

RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to youth organizations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 35, Hancock. California Police Activities League Day.

This measure would recognize April 11, 2005, as California Police Activities League Day in the State of California.

WHEREAS, The California Police Activities League was founded in 1971 as a 501(c)(3) Public Benefit Corporation by a group of police officers from Long Beach, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose whose initial idea was to organize a statewide organization to serve the youth of California through athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, For the first 20 years, these officers, with others from various cities and municipalities around the state, met biannually to share ideas, information, and procedures from their local PAL programs and promote the PAL concept; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, The California Police Activities League, expanded its mission to engage youth by bringing together youth teams from local PAL and Sheriff's Activities League (SAL) chapters throughout the state and holding its first annual California Police Activities League Basketball tournament; and building from that successful event, California PAL now sponsors 19 boys and girls youth sporting events and other enriching youth activities that are conducted in a safe, supervised environment; and

WHEREAS, California PAL events are held at various locations throughout the state giving youth the opportunity to visit new places and broaden their horizons; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, California PAL has continued to expand into the largest nonprofit police youth organization in the state, and represents the leading juvenile delinquency prevention effort in California; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the hard work and efforts of countless police officers and civilians coming together to focus on providing the youth of California with positive alternatives to

negative lifestyles, California PAL now includes 130 local Police and Sheriff's Activities Leagues from throughout the State of California, serving over 300,000 California youth annually; making California PAL the largest state PAL in the country; and

WHEREAS, Recently, California PAL has made a concerted effort to provide high-tech opportunities for its local PAL chapter members to communicate, exchange ideas, track, and report data and outcome measures and manage their PAL/SAL chapters more effectively; and

WHEREAS, Those efforts also include providing youth with opportunities to gain essential technology-based training and skills for the 21st century workplace; and

WHEREAS, California PAL, at the request of the youth, instituted a youth leadership program, the Youth Directors Council, to develop youth leaders for each of the member chapters, so they can propose strategy and programming for their PAL/SAL chapters, and a five-day Life After High School experience held at California State University Monterey Bay, which instructs the students about college, careers, life skills, and other important factors necessary for successful entry into adult society; and

WHEREAS, For the past six years, California PAL has annually introduced 200 to 300 youth to Sacramento by holding its annual Sacramento Experience in which youth see the government of California in operation by meeting their local legislators, touring the Capitol, and even going on the Senate or Assembly floor; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings, California PAL has grown into an organization that makes a lasting difference in the lives of California youth and continues to make a strong contribution in reducing juvenile crime and creating a safer environment within the State of California; and

WHEREAS, California PAL's mission is to effect a substantial reduction of juvenile crime in California through proactive community policing, and California PAL's primary goal is to assist Police and Sheriff's departments in establishing and developing PAL/SAL chapters in every community in California, thereby ensuring that all California youth have the opportunity to participate in California PAL programs; and

WHEREAS, California PAL has become California's largest juvenile crime prevention program in the State of California, with the active participation of over 300,000 youth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, that April 11, 2005, is hereby recognized as California Police Activities League Day in the State of California.

Attest:

Secretary of State