

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136

Adopted in Assembly June 19, 2006

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

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Deputy Secretary of State

RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136—Relative to California Nectarine Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 136, Arambula. California Nectarine Day.

This measure would declare June 20, 2006, California Nectarine Day.

WHEREAS, The produce of the combined fresh peach, plum, and nectarine industries is grown on approximately 90,000 acres in California and, as that produce represents a total average annual income of more than \$300 million, these fruits comprise a major segment of the state's total agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, California is the largest producer of nectarines grown in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The word "nectarine" means sweet as nectar, and is the origin of the fruit's name; and

WHEREAS, Nectarines (*Prunus persica* var. *nectarine*) originated in China more than 2,000 years ago, were cultivated in ancient Persia, Greece, and Rome, and were introduced to the United States by the Spanish in the 18th Century; and

WHEREAS, During and following the Gold Rush, early settlers in California planted peaches and their cousins nectarines, with variety selection and improvements occurring as the industry developed; and

WHEREAS, There are 175 varieties of nectarines sold commercially from California, each with its own specific harvest time, flavor, and color characteristics; and

WHEREAS, Nectarines are a good source of vitamins A and C, beta-carotene, and potassium; and

WHEREAS, More than 1,500 families make up the peach, plum, and nectarine industry, and they have worked for generations to produce the highest quality fruit they can to not only feed the United States, but the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the historical,

nutritional, and economic importance of nectarines, as well as the contributions of tree fruit growers and the California Tree Fruit Agreement, by declaring June 20, 2006, California Nectarine Day.

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Attest:

Secretary of State