

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 158

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 158—Relative to DNA Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 158, Pavley. DNA Awareness Month

This measure would declare the month of September as DNA Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, DNA technology is increasingly vital to ensure accuracy and fairness in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, DNA analysis has proven to be a powerful tool in the fight against crime; and

WHEREAS, DNA evidence can be used to clear suspects and exonerate persons mistakenly accused or convicted of crimes; and

WHEREAS, Swift and accurate DNA analysis of evidence is a core public safety issue affecting men, women, and children in California; and

WHEREAS, The National Commission on the Future of DNA evidence and the President's DNA initiative: Advancing justice through DNA technology recognized that DNA technology is underutilized in our country and made clear that we must dedicate more resources to empower law enforcement to use DNA technology quickly and effectively; and

WHEREAS, The analysis and placement of DNA profiles into the California DNA databank can dramatically enhance the chances that potential crime victims will be spared the violence of repeat or serial offenders, by effectively and efficiently identifying suspects and linking serial crimes to each other; and

WHEREAS, The national databank through the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) has about three million offender profiles; and

WHEREAS, There are education and training efforts underway throughout California to ensure that DNA technology reaches its full potential to solve crimes, protect the innocent and identify missing persons; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That henceforth, the month of September shall be designated as “DNA Awareness Month,” and be it further

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

Attest:

Secretary of State