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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 72

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

August 22, 2007

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to California Native American Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 72, as amended, Mendoza. California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference and *California* Native American Day.

This measure would recognize the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 4 28, 2007, and the annual California Cultural Awareness Conference to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California is home to more federally recognized
2 Indian tribes than any other state in the United States; and
3 WHEREAS, The cultural and governmental contributions of
4 the native peoples of California have shaped the course for the
5 state throughout history; and
6 WHEREAS, California designated the fourth Friday of every
7 September as California Native American Day; and
8 WHEREAS, California Native American Day is celebrated in
9 this state by tribes and communities across the state, and is a day
10 for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history
11 in schools; and

1 WHEREAS, California Indian tribes are committed to
2 contributing to the educational curricula provided by the state and
3 believe in providing new and improved educational resources about
4 the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by,
5 California Native Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1999, the San Manuel Band of Mission
7 Indians, in conjunction with the California State University at San
8 Bernardino, have conducted a program to share Native American
9 culture with the children and educators of San Bernardino County;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This year the San Manuel Tribal Unity and Cultural
12 Awareness Program and the Santos Manuel Student Union at the
13 California State University at San Bernardino are cosponsors of a
14 ~~three-day~~ five-day conference designed to enhance the awareness
15 of and discuss California Indian culture; and

16 WHEREAS, The California Indian Cultural Awareness
17 Conference will be held concurrently with California Native
18 American Day and will assist educators by providing new
19 educational resources regarding the rich and varied lives of the
20 California Indian Nations; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance
23 of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on
24 September—4 28, 2007, and the annual California Cultural
25 Awareness Conference to the enhancement of awareness of
26 California Indian culture; and be it further

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