AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 21, 2008

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 103

Introduced by Assembly Member Plescia

February 19, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 103—Relative to Take Your Dog to Work Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 103, as amended, Plescia. Take Your Dog to Work Day. Day®. This measure would designate June 20th-20, 2008 as Take Your Dog to Work Day-Day®, and would encourage employers to make their workplaces pet friendly.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Pet Sitters International created "Take Your Dog
- 2 to Work—Day Day®" in 1999 to celebrate the great companions
- 3 that dogs make, and to emphasize their philosophy that every pet
- 4 should be a wanted pet; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Studies show that pets in the workplace boost
- 6 employee morale and productivity; a 2006 survey indicated that
- 7 millions of employees felt that having their pets in the workplace
- 8 lead to a more creative environment, decreased absenteeism, and
- 9 more collegiality; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Days like Bring your Child to Work Day and
- 11 Family Day are extremely successful in changing the attitudes of
- 12 those who participate; people who love their dogs and consider
- 13 them part of their family should be able to enjoy the same
- 14 gratification from having their pets accompany them to work; and

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WHEREAS, Take Your Dog to Work—Day Day® will be a chance to celebrate the wonderful relationships between humans and their dogs; and

WHEREAS, Take Your Dog to Work—Day Day® will promote and encourage pet adoptions from humane societies, animal shelters and breed rescue clubs, which are vital institutions in California; and

WHEREAS, Caring and responsible pet owners should be recognized; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That June 20, 2008, shall be designated as Take Your Dog to Work Day Day® and that employers are encouraged to make their workplaces pet friendly; and be it further

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