

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 6

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10—Relative to California Arbor Week.

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ACR 10, Dickinson. California Arbor Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of March 7 to March 14 of each year as California Arbor Week, and would urge California residents to observe the week with appropriate tree planting activities and programs.

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationally to encourage Americans to maintain and replenish our country's vast forests, orchards, and woodlands; and

WHEREAS, In California, we also observe Arbor Day starting on the birthday of Luther Burbank, a famed California horticulturalist whose life's labor produced hundreds of plants and trees that have contributed to the natural splendor and food production in our state; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a vital resource in beautifying our urban environment and serve as an important psychological link with nature for California's urban residents and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a valuable economic asset in our cities that help maintain or increase property values and attract business and new residents in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Trees play an important role in energy conservation by modifying temperature extremes with shade and humidity, and are particularly important in reducing the amount of energy consumed in heating and cooling buildings and homes; and

WHEREAS, Trees planted in urban areas play a significant role in meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets by sequestering carbon as well as reducing energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, Trees directly contribute to improving California's air quality by reducing air pollution, removing airborne particulates from the atmosphere, and helping to purify the air; and

WHEREAS, Trees play a significant role in protecting and purifying California's limited water resources by reducing surface runoff, contributing to storm water management activity, and protecting urban water resources; and

WHEREAS, Trees provide essential habitat for much of California's wildlife, including many listed, threatened, and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, Trees enhance the aesthetic quality of life in urban communities by providing a natural buffer for surface noise and a natural recreational resource for California's children and at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, California has more urban and community forestry organizations than any other state simply because trees, green spaces, and the canopy cover are so important to our children, our residents, and visitors to our state; and

WHEREAS, Maximizing the benefits of trees through multiple-objective projects that contribute to public infrastructure services can provide cost-effective solutions to the needs of underserved and severely underserved communities, as well as urban and suburban areas, by harnessing the aforementioned benefits provided by trees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the week of March 7 to March 14 of each year as California Arbor Week, and urges California residents to observe the week with appropriate tree planting activities and programs; and be it further

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