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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 45

Introduced by Assembly Member Perea

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April 4, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 45—Relative to Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 45, as amended, Perea. Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

This measure would declare the week of April 10, 2011, to April 16, 2011, inclusive, as Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Violent crime continues to exist in California, and
- 2 crime in one part of the state, or crime against one person, affects
- 3 our entire sense of well-being; and

1 WHEREAS, All Californians are affected by crime, not just the
2 victims of violent crime; and

3 WHEREAS, The most effective aid that can be provided to
4 victims of crime is to prevent crime from happening in the first
5 place; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week
7 has raised awareness of the special needs of crime victims; and

8 WHEREAS, This year, the theme for this week is the
9 commemoration of 30 years of National Crime Victims' Rights
10 Week; and

11 WHEREAS, 2011 is a landmark year for crime victims and
12 survivors, as well as those who serve them; and

13 WHEREAS, The respect and protection of victims' rights within
14 the legal process is one of the most critical components of an
15 effective criminal justice system; and

16 WHEREAS, Victims and witnesses of crime require special
17 attention to ensure that they are thoroughly informed about, and
18 effectively participate in, the criminal justice system; and

19 WHEREAS, To the maximum extent allowed by law, victims
20 of violent crime should receive compensation for their losses; and

21 WHEREAS, Each day thousands of victims and witnesses
22 receive assistance from victim support organizations,
23 victim-witness assistance centers, private service providers, and
24 state and local governments; and

25 WHEREAS, The criminal justice system in this state must persist
26 in its effort to better coordinate and improve the quality of services
27 provided to victims and witnesses; and

28 WHEREAS, California citizens enshrined victims' rights in the
29 California Constitution in 1982 through the passage of Proposition
30 8, the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; and

31 WHEREAS, California citizens reaffirmed and afforded
32 additional rights to victims in the California Constitution and in
33 California law in 2008 through the passage of Proposition 9, the
34 Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law; and

35 WHEREAS, Each year, the observance of National Crime
36 Victims' Rights Week focuses on the problems confronting victims
37 of crime and the services available to support these victims; and

38 WHEREAS, The remembrances observed during National Crime
39 Victims' Rights Week promote awareness of victims' issues and
40 acknowledge the combined efforts of citizens, the government,

1 and the criminal justice system to improve victims' services in
2 California; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
5 week of April 10, 2011, through April 16, 2011, inclusive, as Crime
6 Victims' Rights Week in California; and be it further

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

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