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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 59**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Atkins and V. Manuel Pérez**  
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May 11, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 59—Relative to Buy California Small Business First Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 59, as amended, Atkins. Buy California Small Business First Month.

This measure would proclaim May 2011 as Buy California Small Business First Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California Small Business Association  
2 established the “Buy California Small Business First” concept to  
3 educate consumers, businesses, colleges, universities, and

1 governmental agencies about the positive economic impacts of  
2 choosing to first support California small businesses when making  
3 purchasing decisions; and

4 WHEREAS, When consumers, businesses, colleges, universities,  
5 and governmental agencies buy from California small businesses,  
6 a wave of positive economic impacts occurs, from supporting the  
7 employment of people in the immediate community, to encouraging  
8 local entrepreneurs, to generating tax revenues from local sales  
9 and personal incomes; and

10 WHEREAS, California's small businesses are integral to a sound  
11 economic foundation of this state because small businesses provide  
12 a majority of all private sector jobs and constantly create new  
13 employment opportunities for Californians; and

14 WHEREAS, California's small businesses are critical to the  
15 current economic health of this state because small businesses  
16 produce more than one-half of California's gross domestic product;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, California's small businesses are a key factor in  
19 the future success of the state's economy because small businesses  
20 are innovative forces in the marketplace and are among those most  
21 likely to take risks to create new technologies and industries; and

22 WHEREAS, A 2009 study conducted at California State  
23 University, Sacramento, concluded that state contracting with small  
24 businesses in California resulted in more money being distributed  
25 within the state economy than contracting with larger businesses;  
26 now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 2011 as  
29 Buy California Small Business First Month to raise awareness that  
30 when California consumers, businesses, colleges, universities, and  
31 governmental agencies choose to first support California small  
32 businesses when making purchasing decisions, a wave of positive  
33 economic impacts occurs within the state and local economies;  
34 and be it further

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