

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 78

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 116

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to California Senior Center Month.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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This measure would declare the month of November 2011 as California Senior Center Month in recognition of the importance of senior centers to California's older adult population.

WHEREAS, California is home to more than 700 senior centers that provide a range of information, assistance, and support to the state's older adult population; and

WHEREAS, Senior centers serve California's older adult population by providing nutritious meals, health care, educational opportunities, fitness and recreation activities, legal assistance, social opportunities and community involvement, and more; and

WHEREAS, Senior centers are a safe and welcoming place where older Californians can feel connected to their community and obtain support; and

WHEREAS, Senior centers are a place for retirees to volunteer their services and be recognized for their important contributions; and

WHEREAS, Senior centers serve as community shelters during times of natural disaster, providing essential services to the community's older adult population and others; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, the California Commission on Aging hosted California's first statewide Senior Center Stakeholder Forum, bringing together senior center leaders and staff to explore the future of senior centers, resource enhancement, community mobilization, and how to engage the "baby boomer" generation; and

WHEREAS, The 2009 Senior Center Stakeholder Forum drew partnerships with the California Senior Legislature, the Congress of California Seniors, the Triple-A Council of California, the National Council on Aging, the California Department of Aging, the California Association of Senior Service Centers, the Aging and Activities Section of the California Park and Recreation Society, the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members, and the League of California Cities; and

WHEREAS, The California Commission on Aging and partner organizations will hold a second Senior Center Forum in November 2011,

to build on the ongoing interest in senior center innovations and program development; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature declares the month of November 2011 as California Senior Center Month in recognition of the importance of senior centers to California's older adult population; and be it further

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