

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 118**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro**  
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to wineries.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 118, as introduced, Chesbro. Wineries: leadership.

This measure would proclaim April 2012 as the month to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California wineries and winegrape growers.

Fiscal committee: no.

1     WHEREAS, California's 3400 wineries and 4600 winegrape  
2 growers, located in 48 of the state's 58 counties, contribute  
3 significantly to the California economy and to the pastoral beauty  
4 and appeal of the state as a place to live, work, and visit; and  
5     WHEREAS, California wineries and vineyards are primarily  
6 family businesses with a long-term commitment to the health and  
7 vitality of their communities and to preserving the land for future  
8 generations; and  
9     WHEREAS, California vintners and growers have broadly  
10 embraced a Code of Sustainable Winegrowing comprised of 227  
11 best practices for vineyards and wineries that benefit the  
12 environment, employees, and neighbors and the high-quality wine  
13 upon which their success is based; and

1 WHEREAS, Other state and regional sustainability programs,  
2 such as Lodi Rules, which provided the foundation for the  
3 California Sustainable Winegrowing program (CSWA), as well  
4 as Sustainability in Practice (SIP), Napa Green, Fish Friendly  
5 Farming, the Green Business Program, and others, all play a role  
6 in the ever-expanding tapestry of the California wine communities'  
7 efforts to grow grapes and produce wine that is environmentally  
8 sound, economically feasible, and socially equitable; and

9 WHEREAS, Growing participation in organic, biodynamic, and  
10 sustainable certification programs further conveys California  
11 vintners' and growers' adherence to high standards and dedication  
12 to continuous improvement; and

13 WHEREAS, California's wine community conserves water,  
14 energy, and other natural resources, protects habitat, employee  
15 welfare, and air, water, and soil quality, and promotes the use of  
16 natural pest management and alternative energy and fuels; and

17 WHEREAS, California's sustainable and environmental  
18 programs have been recognized and applauded by state and federal  
19 officials and agencies for their accomplishments and for serving  
20 as a model for wine communities outside of California and for  
21 other agricultural sectors within the state; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 2012 as  
24 the month to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California  
25 wineries and winegrape growers with the theme, "California Wines:  
26 Down to Earth," timed to Earth Day on April 22nd; and be it further

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