

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 20

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 118, Chesbro. Wineries: leadership.

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

WHEREAS, California's 3400 wineries and 4600 winegrape growers, located in 48 of the state's 58 counties, contribute significantly to the California economy and to the pastoral beauty and appeal of the state as a place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, California wineries and vineyards are primarily family businesses with a long-term commitment to the health and vitality of their communities and to preserving the land for future generations; and

WHEREAS, California vintners and growers have broadly embraced a Code of Sustainable Winegrowing comprised of 227 best practices for vineyards and wineries that benefit the environment, employees, and neighbors and the high-quality wine upon which their success is based; and

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

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

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

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

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

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