

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 26, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 15

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 12, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to wineries.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 15, as amended, Chesbro. Wineries: leadership.

This measure would proclaim April 2013 as the “California Wines: Down to Earth” month, to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California wineries and winegrape growers.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Sustainability is a vital part of the long-term future
2 of California wine, which contributes an estimated \$61.5 billion
3 in annual economic impact to California’s economy; and
4 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ Wine Institute and the California Association
5 of Wine Grape Growers created the California Code of Sustainable
6 Winegrowing workbook more than a decade ago, with the third
7 edition released in January 2013, and it has since been used by
8 vineyards and wineries representing three quarters of California’s
9 wine grape acreage and production to self-assess operations; and
10 WHEREAS, The California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing
11 ~~Program~~, now managed by the California Sustainable Winegrowing
12 Alliance, is comprised of more than 200 best practices for
13 vineyards and wineries that benefit the environment, employees,
14 neighbors, and high-quality wine; and

1 WHEREAS, Other state and regional sustainability programs,
2 such as Lodi Rules, Sustainability in Practice (SIP), Napa Green,
3 Fish Friendly Farming, the Green Business Program, and others,
4 all play an important role in the California wine communities'
5 efforts to grow grapes and produce wine in a manner that is
6 environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially
7 equitable; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, California's 3,600 wineries and 4,600 winegrape
17 growers are primarily family businesses, with a long-term
18 commitment to the health and vitality of their communities, and
19 to preserving the land for future generations; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 2013 as
22 the time to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California
23 wineries and winegrape growers with the theme, "California Wines:
24 Down to Earth" month, timed to Earth Day on April ~~22nd~~, 22; and
25 be it further

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