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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 49

Introduced by Assembly Members Stone and Maienschein

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(Coauthors: Senators Emmerson and Yee)

April 18, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 49—Relative to Foster Care Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 49, as amended, Stone. Foster Care Month.

This measure would declare the month of May 2013 as Foster Care Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In California there are approximately 60,000
- 2 children and youth in foster care who need and deserve safe,

1 permanent connections to loving adults, a stable home, and
2 adequate preparation for a secure future; and

3 WHEREAS, The needs of children and youth for belonging and
4 unconditional emotional commitment are best met in families; and

5 WHEREAS, Many California counties have successfully
6 supported permanent family connections for foster youth, provided
7 support for families at risk of entering the child welfare system,
8 and changed practices to fully engage youth, family, and
9 communities, thereby reducing the number of children in foster
10 care; and

11 WHEREAS, California recognizes the enduring and valuable
12 contribution of relatives and foster and adoptive parents who open
13 their hearts, families, and homes to vulnerable children and youth;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, California recognizes the numerous individuals
16 and public and private organizations that work to ensure that the
17 needs of children and youth living in and leaving foster care are
18 met, that help provide foster and former foster children and youth
19 with vital connections to their siblings, and that help launch young
20 people into successful adulthood; and

21 WHEREAS, The federal Fostering Connections to Success and
22 Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 offers opportunities to promote
23 permanent families for children in foster care, improve outcomes
24 for older youth in foster care, increase support for Native American
25 foster children, improve the quality of staff working with youth
26 in the child welfare system, expand our support of relative and
27 adoptive caregivers, and assist older youth in securing meaningful
28 supportive transitions from foster care; and

29 WHEREAS, This federal law affirms California's leadership
30 and success in pioneering innovative child welfare approaches;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, California is committed to working in partnership
33 with the federal government and local governments to improve
34 the lives and futures of all children and youth touched by the child
35 welfare system; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the month of*
38 *May 2013 as Foster Care Month; and be it further*

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

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