

House Resolution

No. 19

**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams
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House Resolution No. 19—Relative to International Surfing Day.

1 WHEREAS, International Surfing Day, observed annually on
2 June 20, was founded by the Surfrider Foundation to unify surfers
3 from around the world to celebrate the sport of surfing and protect
4 our beach and ocean environment; and

5 WHEREAS, The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit grassroots
6 organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our
7 world's oceans, waves, and beaches through a powerful activist
8 network comprised of over 250,000 supporters, activists, and
9 members worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, California's coastline spans 1,100 miles, and its
11 beaches and coastal areas generate \$1.15 trillion in economic
12 activity annually; and

13 WHEREAS, California has the largest ocean economy in the
14 United States, ranking number one for both employment (408,000
15 jobs) and gross state product (\$42.9 billion); and

16 WHEREAS, The United States boasts approximately 3.3 million
17 surfers, who spend between \$1.9 and \$3.3 billion a year on local
18 surf trips, and in 2010, the surf industry, almost exclusively based
19 in California, generated \$6.24 billion in United States retail sales;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, California is home to iconic surf breaks, such as
2 Malibu, Trestles, Mavericks, and Rincon, which are destinations
3 for both domestic and international surfers; and

4 WHEREAS, Every year, California surf breaks host numerous
5 domestic and international surf contests, including the Association
6 of Surfing Professionals World Tour events; and

7 WHEREAS, Now in its ninth year, International Surfing Day
8 has grown to over 200 separate events in over 25 different countries
9 and continues to unite surfers around the world to celebrate the
10 sport of surfing, while raising awareness and showing appreciation
11 for our coastal environments; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
13 Assembly joins with the Surfrider Foundation in recognizing June
14 20, 2013, as International Surfing Day in California, and commends
15 all those who work diligently to protect our state’s beaches and
16 ocean environments; and be it further

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