

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 120**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Levine, Bloom, Fox, Lowenthal,  
Medina, Nazarian, and John A. Pérez**

(Principal coauthors: Senators Block, Jackson, Leno, Steinberg, and  
Wolk)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 120—Relative to California  
Holocaust Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 120, as introduced, Levine. California Holocaust Memorial  
Week.

This measure would proclaim April 27 through May 4, 2014, as  
California Holocaust Memorial Week and would urge Californians to  
observe these days of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in  
an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the  
2 world had never before witnessed; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 65 years have passed since the tragic  
4 events we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which the  
5 dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part  
6 of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final Solution  
7 of the Jewish Question”; and

8 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not  
9 alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi  
10 concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,

1 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political  
2 annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and

3 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who  
4 provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including  
5 the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided  
6 comfort to those suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,  
8 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the  
9 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its  
10 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible  
13 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,  
14 persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and

15 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively  
16 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual  
17 freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and  
18 democratic society; and

19 WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments  
20 of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who  
21 lost their lives in the Holocaust; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council  
23 has designated April 27 through May 4, 2014, as the Days of  
24 Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the  
25 International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah, on  
26 April 28, 2014; and

27 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor  
28 and nationally recognized scholar, “a memorial unresponsive to  
29 the future would violate the memory of the past”; now therefore,  
30 be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 27 through  
33 May 4, 2014, as “California Holocaust Memorial Week,” and that  
34 Californians are urged to observe these days of remembrance for  
35 victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit  
37 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate  
38 distribution.