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Introduced by Senator Yee

February 5, 2013

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10—Relative to Open-Data Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 10, as introduced, Yee. Open-Data-Day.  
This measure would proclaim February 23, 2013, as Open-Data Day.  
Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, “Open data” refers to information generated by
- 2 public sector entities that is legally accessible and made available
- 3 to the public electronically; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Public use of open data from government agencies
- 5 offers an avenue toward a more open and transparent government;
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes that government
- 8 functions best with an informed and engaged citizenry; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Increased access of electronic public records
- 10 contributes to improved oversight by members of the public and
- 11 contributes to more accountability on the part of public officials;
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, The availability of open data increases efficiency
- 14 and stimulates innovation; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The State of California seeks to encourage the
- 16 software community to develop applications and tools to collect,
- 17 organize, and share public data in new ways; and
- 18 WHEREAS, The State of California seeks to encourage local
- 19 governments and agencies to make available more public

1 information, and to have the public information be more useful  
2 and easier to access; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of California encourages state and local  
4 public agencies to adopt and publicize practices consistent with  
5 this encouragement; and

6 WHEREAS, The purpose of Open-Data Day is to encourage  
7 participation in government and increase citizens' access to public  
8 information; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims February  
11 23, 2013, as Open-Data Day; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
13 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.