Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to California Holocaust Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 15, as amended, Levine. California Holocaust Memorial Week.

This measure would proclaim April 12 through April 19, 2015, 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,
11　state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political
12　annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and
13　　WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
14　provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including
15　the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided
16　comfort to those suffering; and
17　　WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,
18　that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
19　Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
20　citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;
21　and
22　　WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible
23　events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,
24　persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and
25　　WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
26　rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
27　freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and
28　democratic society; and
29　　WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments
30　of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who
31　lost their lives in the Holocaust; and
32　　WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
33　has designated April 12 through April 19, 2015, as the Days of
34　Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the
35　International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah,
36　which runs from the evening of April 15 until the evening of April
37　16, 2015; and

1   WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
2 and nationally recognized scholar, "a memorial unresponsive to
3 the future would violate the memory of the past"; now, therefore,
4 be it
5   *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims April 12 through
7 April 19, 2015, as "California Holocaust Memorial Week," and
8 that Californians are urged to observe these days of remembrance
9 for victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it
10 further
11   *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
12 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate
13 distribution.

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