

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 40**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon**

March 3, 2015

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 40—Relative to California Museum Month.

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ACR 40, as introduced, Calderon. California Museum Month.

This measure would recognize the essential role that museums have in the State of California as educational institutions and would proclaim May 2015 as California Museum Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California is home to over 1,400 museums that are  
2 located in every county and region throughout the state and serve  
3 millions of visitors annually; and  
4 WHEREAS, California museums represent a multitude of  
5 learning experiences, including art museums, zoos, aquaria,  
6 historical societies, science centers, botanical gardens, children's  
7 museums, and cultural centers; and  
8 WHEREAS, California museums help the state meet its  
9 obligations in the field of education by serving over 2 million  
10 schoolchildren in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and  
11 over one million college and university students per year through  
12 field trips and outreach programs; and  
13 WHEREAS, Two-thirds of California museums partner with  
14 schools and school districts to provide valuable and relevant

1 educational programs that serve their local students and enhance  
2 instruction provided by the public sector; and

3 WHEREAS, Americans view museums as one of the most  
4 trustworthy sources of objective information, and, after their  
5 families, the most significant in creating a strong connection to  
6 the past; and

7 WHEREAS, California museums foster dialogue, inspire  
8 utilization of critical thinking skills, and support exploration to  
9 advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of history,  
10 science, the arts, and the natural world; and

11 WHEREAS, California museums, through exhibitions and  
12 programs, provide access to educational opportunities, exciting  
13 and hands-on learning experiences, information, and the cultural  
14 and natural heritage that define us as a state; and

15 WHEREAS, California museums provide a spark that inspires  
16 the future generations of scientists, artists, politicians, historians,  
17 and entrepreneurs; and

18 WHEREAS, The California Association of Museums has served  
19 to bring important recognition of this commemorative month and  
20 invites all museums, museum service organizations, California  
21 residents, and local governments to use this milestone to recognize  
22 and celebrate the essential role California museums play as  
23 educational institutions as they serve communities, the nation, and  
24 the world; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the essential  
27 role that museums have in the State of California as educational  
28 institutions and proclaims May 2015 as California Museum Month;  
29 and be it further

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