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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly Member Brown
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8—Relative to the Older Americans Act of 1965.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 8, as amended, Brown. Older Americans Act of 1965.

This measure would recognize the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965, affirm the Legislature’s continuing support for the goals of the act, and memorialize the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate to reauthorize the act.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the enactment
2 of the Older Americans Act of 1965; and
3 WHEREAS, During the past 50 years, the implementation of
4 the Older Americans Act of 1965 has contributed to the economic
5 well-being of millions of older Americans, and has improved the
6 quality of life for those individuals; and
7 WHEREAS, One of the key elements contributing to the
8 successful implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965
9 has been the establishment of an aging network composed of local
10 area agencies on aging, providers of congregate and home-delivered
11 nutrition, and many other community service providers; and

1 WHEREAS, The federal Administration on Aging in the United
2 States Department of Health and Human Services was created by
3 the Older Americans Act of 1965, and has been empowered to act
4 as an effective advocate for the concerns and needs of older
5 individuals; and

6 WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act of 1965 serves as a
7 model for the development of community-based services, including
8 services that provide alternatives to the institutionalization of older
9 individuals; and

10 WHEREAS, Some of the programs authorized under the Older
11 Americans Act of 1965 were created to address the specific
12 concerns of those older Americans with the greatest social and
13 economic needs, especially minority older Americans; and

14 WHEREAS, Many services under the Older Americans Act of
15 1965, including long-term care ombudsman and legal services
16 providers, have acted as powerful advocates for older individuals;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act of 1965 has brought
19 together thousands of dedicated professionals and volunteers and
20 has provided inspiration to those individuals; and

21 WHEREAS, Services authorized under the Older Americans
22 Act of 1965 have provided important part-time community service
23 employment opportunities for low-income older individuals; and

24 WHEREAS, Many older individuals, and those who serve them,
25 have benefited greatly from the research, training, and education
26 that programs established under the Older Americans Act of 1965
27 have provided; and

28 WHEREAS, Some of the programs under the Older Americans
29 Act of 1965 were designed to address the special needs of older
30 Native Americans; and

31 WHEREAS, In recognition of the changing needs of a rapidly
32 aging society, the Older Americans Act of 1965 has been
33 periodically amended; and

34 WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act of 1965 served as the
35 foundation for an effective human services policy for millions of
36 Americans as the United States entered the 21st century; now,
37 therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California and the*
39 *Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature*
40 *recognizes the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Older*

1 Americans Act of 1965, and the successful implementation of that
2 act; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature applauds the many and varied
4 contributions at all levels of the aging network fostered by the
5 Older Americans Act of 1965; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Legislature affirms support for the Older
7 Americans Act of 1965, and the primary-its goals of that act of
8 providing services to maintain the dignity of older Californians,
9 and promoting the independence of those individuals; and be it
10 further

11 *Resolved*, That the Legislature memorializes the United States
12 House of Representatives and the United States Senate to
13 reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965 forthwith, with
14 adequate funding to reflect the growing populations of Americans
15 who benefit from the act's programs and services; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
17 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
18 States, to the Speaker of the United States House of
19 Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
20 and to each Senator and Representative from the State of California
21 in the Congress of the United States.