

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 99**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez**

July 16, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to Salvadoran American Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 99, as introduced, Lopez. Salvadoran American Day.

This measure would declare September 6, 2015, as Salvadoran American Day and would recognize the numerous contributions and rich heritage of Salvadoran Americans in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On August 6, 1525, the official founding of Villa
- 2 de San Salvador was declared in the Valle de Las Hamacas (Valley
- 3 of the Hammocks) where the indigenous ancestors of El Salvador
- 4 fought historic battles against the submission and abuse of Spanish
- 5 colonialism in order to preserve the life and liberty of the
- 6 Cuscatleco population; and
- 7 WHEREAS, On September 15, 1821, El Salvador achieved
- 8 independence from Spain and ended centuries of Spanish
- 9 colonialization; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In the 20th century, 40 years of internal political
- 11 turmoil forced hundreds of thousands of Salvadorans to flee El
- 12 Salvador, seeking peace and security in a new country, the United
- 13 States; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Now Salvadoran Americans constitute one of the
- 15 largest Latino communities in California, totaling over one million

1 throughout the state and 6 percent of all immigrants nationwide;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The history of our nation and California is a rich  
4 and enduring tapestry woven with the threads of many remarkable  
5 lives, cultures, and events, and the lives, work, and artistry of  
6 Salvadoran Americans has added strength, vitality, and purpose  
7 to that tapestry; and

8 WHEREAS, The maturing Salvadoran American community  
9 continues to make great economic and cultural contributions to  
10 daily life in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, Many of these admirable individuals actively  
12 participate in the state educational system, further promoting their  
13 sense of American pride within the California community; and

14 WHEREAS, The strengths of the Salvadoran American culture  
15 can be preserved and passed on to future generations; and

16 WHEREAS, Salvadoran American families, communities, and  
17 the generations that follow are committed to maintain both  
18 Salvadoran and American cultures, while promoting cultural  
19 interchange; and

20 WHEREAS, September 2015 marks 194 years of independence  
21 for the country of El Salvador; and

22 WHEREAS, Free of prejudices and as proud men and women,  
23 Salvadoran Americans participate in and contribute to the  
24 integration of the social, educational, professional, and political  
25 arena in California; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares September  
28 6, 2015, as Salvadoran American Day and recognizes the rich  
29 heritage of Salvadoran Americans throughout California; and be  
30 it further

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