

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 99

Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 99, as amended, 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

1 of the Hammocks) where the indigenous ancestors of El Salvador
2 fought historic battles against the submission and abuse of Spanish
3 colonialism in order to preserve the life and liberty of the
4 Cuscatleco population; and

5 WHEREAS, On September 15, 1821, El Salvador achieved
6 independence from Spain and ended centuries of Spanish
7 colonialization; and

8 WHEREAS, In the 20th century, 40 years of internal political
9 turmoil forced hundreds of thousands of Salvadorans to flee El
10 Salvador, seeking peace and security in a new country, the United
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, Now Salvadoran Americans constitute one of the
13 largest Latino communities in California, totaling over one million
14 throughout the state and 6 percent of all immigrants nationwide;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The history of our nation and California is a rich
17 and enduring tapestry woven with the threads of many remarkable
18 lives, cultures, and events, and the lives, work, and artistry of
19 Salvadoran Americans has added strength, vitality, and purpose
20 to that tapestry; and

21 WHEREAS, The maturing Salvadoran American community
22 continues to make great economic and cultural contributions to
23 daily life in this state; and

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

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

29 WHEREAS, Salvadoran American families, communities, and
30 the generations that follow are committed to maintain both
31 Salvadoran and American cultures, while promoting cultural
32 interchange; and

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

35 WHEREAS, Free of prejudices and as proud men and women,
36 Salvadoran Americans participate in and contribute to the
37 integration of the social, educational, professional, and political
38 arena in California; now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
40 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares September*

1 6, 2015, as Salvadoran American Day and recognizes the rich
2 heritage of Salvadoran Americans throughout California; and be
3 it further

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

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