

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 105**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk**

September 1, 2015

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 105—Relative to No Waste November.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 105, as introduced, Quirk. No Waste November.

This measure would designate the month of November 2015 as No Waste November, an education and outreach period for the promotion of a zero waste lifestyle.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Americans recycled and composted almost 87  
2 million tons of the approximately 251 million tons of trash  
3 generated in 2012, equivalent to a 34.5 percent recycling rate; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2012, each American, on average, recycled and  
5 composted 1.51 of the 4.38 pounds of waste generated per person  
6 per day; and

7 WHEREAS, Americans recycled and composted about 72  
8 million more tons of material in 2012 than in 1980, preventing the  
9 release of approximately 168 million metric tons of carbon dioxide  
10 equivalent emissions into the air, comparable to taking over 33  
11 million cars off the road for a year; and

12 WHEREAS, The California Integrated Waste Management Act  
13 of 1989 requires cities and counties to reduce, reuse, recycle, and  
14 compost all discarded materials to the maximum extent feasible

1 before any landfilling or other destructive disposal method is used;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The California Integrated Waste Management Act  
4 of 1989 mandates that all California jurisdictions achieve a 50  
5 percent diversion rate by 2000, and sets a state policy goal of a 75  
6 percent diversion rate by 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, About one-half of the waste generated in California  
8 is source reduced, recycled, or composted, but California still  
9 disposes of about 37 million tons of waste in landfills and through  
10 other disposal methods; and

11 WHEREAS, A zero waste lifestyle goes beyond just recycling  
12 and takes a system-wide approach that involves maximizing  
13 recycling, minimizing waste, reducing consumption, and ensuring  
14 products are made to be reused, repaired, or recycled back into  
15 nature or the marketplace; and

16 WHEREAS, No Waste November is a month-long education  
17 and outreach period for the promotion of a zero waste lifestyle that  
18 will cover topics such as water waste, organic waste, energy waste,  
19 recycling, and the reuse of products; and

20 WHEREAS, No Waste November will involve businesses, local  
21 governments, and communities and will educate adults and children  
22 in a variety of locations, including, but not limited to, homes, places  
23 of work, schools, parks, and neighborhoods; and

24 WHEREAS, The lessons learned during No Waste November  
25 are intended to form the basis of a long-lasting education that  
26 Californians will continue to use in their everyday lives after the  
27 month ends; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
30 hereby proclaims the month of November 2015 as No Waste  
31 November; and be it further

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