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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 114**

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Gallagher

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Lackey ~~and Mathis~~), *Mathis, Achadjian, Alejo, Atkins, Baker, Bigelow, Bloom, Bonilla, Brough, Brown, Calderon, Campos, Chang, Chau, Chávez, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Dahle, Daly, Dodd, Eggman, Frazier, Beth Gaines, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gatto, Gomez, Gordon, Grove, Hadley, Harper, Holden, Irwin, Jones, Jones-Sawyer, Kim, Levine, Linder, Lopez, Low, Maienschein, Mayes, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Nazarian, Obernolte, Olsen, Patterson, Quirk, Rodriguez, Salas, Santiago, Steinorth, Mark Stone, Thurmond, Ting, Wagner, Waldron, Wilk, Williams, and Wood*)

January 11, 2016

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 114—Relative to Grand Jury Awareness Month.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 114, as amended, Gallagher. Grand Jury Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2016 as Grand Jury Awareness Month in California, recognize those who volunteer in a grand jury, and encourage all Californians to learn about its role in the judicial system.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California's grand jury system is a unique  
2 component of our state's government. Present in each of our 58  
3 counties, these juries consist of citizens selected by the superior  
4 courts; and

5 WHEREAS, Our grand juries exist through the dedication of  
6 the people, and they help to ensure that the accused are treated  
7 fairly and that our local governments are maintaining the highest  
8 legal standards; and

9 WHEREAS, Grand juries are used at the beginning of the legal  
10 investigation process. These juries have three important functions:  
11 (1) to decide whether there is probable cause that a criminal act  
12 occurred and if there is enough evidence to indict a person; (2)  
13 within their civil jurisdiction, to oversee local governments; and  
14 (3) to reserve the power to accuse public officers of misconduct;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, As gatekeepers of our justice system, grand juries  
17 ensure that citizens have a role in the justice process and that the  
18 justice process operates effectively; and

19 WHEREAS, The hard work done by our grand juries has a great  
20 impact throughout our communities, and they have helped to make  
21 California a better place; and

22 WHEREAS, These accomplishments can only be made through  
23 the outstanding dedication of those who volunteer as grand jurors;  
24 now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
27 month of March 2016 as Grand Jury Awareness Month in  
28 California; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes those who volunteer  
30 in a grand jury, encourages all Californians to learn about the great  
31 role of the grand jury in the judicial system, and applauds those  
32 who have made the grand jury so successful; and be it further

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