

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 132

Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins

February 2, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 132—Relative to V-Day.

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ACR 132, as introduced, Atkins. V-Day.

This measure would proclaim February 14, 2016, as V-Day to encourage all Californians to become more aware about and prevent violence against women.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United Nations found that worldwide one out
2 of every three women will face physical or sexual violence in her
3 lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1994, the United States adopted the Violence
5 Against Women Act; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, a woman is beaten every nine seconds in
7 the United States; one out of every five women in college will be
8 raped or experience an attempted rape; the third leading cause for
9 homelessness is domestic violence; and

10 WHEREAS, The 2011 California Women's Health Survey found
11 that approximately 40 percent of women face violence from an
12 intimate partner and that women 18 to 24 years of age are more
13 likely to be victims of violence; and

14 WHEREAS, Violence against women continues to be a serious
15 issue at home and around the world; and

1 WHEREAS, On February 14, 1998, Eve Ensler, the writer of
2 the acclaimed play *The Vagina Monologues*, established the first
3 V-Day to raise awareness about violence against women and girls;
4 and today, V-Day is a worldwide activist movement; and

5 WHEREAS, On this day, groups around the world will perform
6 *The Vagina Monologues* and the proceeds will go to local programs
7 that support victims of violence and rape; and

8 WHEREAS, V-Day has raised more than \$100 million, has
9 taken place in 200 countries, and has benefited 13,000 community
10 antiviolence programs, and its message has reached more than 1
11 billion people; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims February 14,
14 2016, as V-Day to encourage all Californians to become more
15 aware about and prevent violence against women; and be it further

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