

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 152

**Introduced by Assembly Members Bloom, Levine, Linder, Medina,
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Leno, Stone, and Wolk)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 152—Relative to California
Holocaust Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 152, as introduced, Bloom. California Holocaust Memorial
Day.

This measure would proclaim May 16, 2016, as California Holocaust
Memorial Day and would urge all Californians to observe this day of
remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the
2 world had never before witnessed; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 70 years have passed since the tragic
4 events we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which the
5 dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part
6 of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final Solution
7 of the Jewish Question”; and

8 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not
9 alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi
10 concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,

1 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political
2 annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and

3 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
4 provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including
5 the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided
6 comfort to those suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,
8 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
9 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
10 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible
13 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,
14 persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and

15 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
16 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
17 freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and
18 democratic society; and

19 WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments
20 of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who
21 lost their lives in the Holocaust; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
23 recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the
24 Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance, known as Yom
25 Hashoah; and

26 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
27 and nationally recognized scholar, “a memorial unresponsive to
28 the future would violate the memory of the past”; now, therefore,
29 be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 16, 2016,
32 as “California Holocaust Memorial Day,” and that Californians
33 are urged to observe this day of remembrance for victims of the
34 Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
36 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate
37 distribution.