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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 154

Introduced by Assembly Member Gipson

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March 14, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to National Nutrition Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 154, as amended, Gipson. National Nutrition Month.

This measure would recognize the month of March 2016 as National Nutrition Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, CalFresh is a federally mandated, state-supervised,
- 2 and county-operated government program designed to eliminate
- 3 hunger in the United States that serves over four million
- 4 Californians living in poverty, providing them an important lifeline

1 by giving them access to food to feed themselves and their families;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, It is important to California's economy to fully
4 use every possible source of funding for its safety net programs;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Federal benefit dollars such as those brought in by
7 CalFresh not only provide critical nutrition assistance to our state's
8 neediest residents, but they directly benefit local economies and
9 jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
11 Agriculture, every \$1 of additional federal Supplemental Nutrition
12 Assistance Program benefits results in \$1.79 of new local economic
13 activity; and

14 WHEREAS, All potentially eligible families in California need
15 to be aware and use nutrition programs to help stay healthy and
16 stretch food dollars during these difficult economic times; and

17 WHEREAS, CalFresh benefits help families stretch their food
18 dollars to buy more healthy foods for the whole family; and

19 WHEREAS, California grocers are on the front-lines of
20 providing healthy foods to these communities on a daily basis; and

21 WHEREAS, California grocers have remained committed to
22 the effort of CalFresh along with raising the awareness of the
23 program within the communities they serve; and

24 WHEREAS, It is important for grocery stores to promote
25 wellness by providing consumers with fresh quality products every
26 day because they understand that communities who eat healthy
27 are less likely to have to go to the doctor due to preventable
28 conditions; and

29 WHEREAS, The partnership between Calfresh and California
30 grocers remains as strong as ever, particularly in these times of
31 need; and

32 WHEREAS, The month of March is National Nutrition Month,
33 and should serve as an opportunity to recognize that no one diet
34 is right for everyone, but it is important to maintain wholesome
35 food choices as part of a healthy lifestyle; now, therefore be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance
38 and value of the CalFresh program in conjunction with California
39 grocers in feeding families and promoting healthy eating; and be
40 it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of March
2 2016 as National Nutrition Month, and encourages all Californians
3 to join the campaign and become concerned about their nutrition
4 and the nutrition of others in the hope of achieving optimum health
5 for both today and tomorrow; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
7 of the resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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