

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 164**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson**

(Principal coauthor: Senator Vidak)

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bigelow, Gray, Lackey, Linder,  
Mathis, Olsen, Wagner, and Waldron)**

(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Bates, Cannella, Huff, and Stone)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to Citrus Strong Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 164, as introduced, Patterson. Citrus Strong Month.

This measure would recognize the month of April 2016 as Citrus Strong Month for the purpose of celebrating California's vibrant citrus industry and the benefits it provides to the state's environment, economy, and people, and to affirm that California is citrus strong.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Citrus is an iconic symbol of California's heritage,
- 2 dating back to the 1840s; and
- 3 WHEREAS, California leads the nation in the production of
- 4 fresh citrus fruit; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of the nation's supply of fresh citrus
- 6 is grown in California; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ongoing research shows the many health benefits
- 8 of consuming fresh citrus; and

1 WHEREAS, California citrus is a \$3 billion dollar industry that  
2 supports over 20,000 jobs and fuels over \$1.5 billion in economic  
3 activity for the state each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Citrus growers are committed to preserving  
5 California's precious natural resources by adopting farming  
6 practices that conserve water, reduce air pollution, and promote  
7 healthy soils; and

8 WHEREAS, California's citrus growers give back to local  
9 communities and families in need; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2015, California's citrus growers donated 19  
11 million pounds of citrus to the Farm to Family program, which is  
12 dedicated to delivering food to individuals, families, and children  
13 in need and to strengthening communities by providing food  
14 security; and

15 WHEREAS, The first annual Citrus Stride will take place at the  
16 State Capitol Building on April 6, 2016, and for every registered  
17 participant, the citrus industry will donate 1,000 pounds of citrus  
18 to the Farm to Family program; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of  
21 April 2016 as Citrus Strong Month for the purpose of celebrating  
22 California's vibrant citrus industry and the benefits it provides to  
23 the state's environment, economy, and people, and to affirm that  
24 California is citrus strong; and be it further

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