

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 25, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 167**

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**Introduced by Assembly ~~Member~~ Members Mathis and Brough**

April 12, 2016

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 167—Relative to Tax Freedom Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 167, as amended, Mathis. Tax Freedom Day.

This measure would recognize April 24, 2016, as the nation’s “Tax Freedom Day” in recognition of the hardworking families, individuals, and businesses of the state, without which the ability of the government to spend revenues on any vital public service or infrastructure project would be impossible.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States *of America* has traditionally  
2 been a low-tax country. From the founding of the Republic in 1776  
3 until the early part of this century, total government spending at  
4 the federal, state, and local levels rarely exceeded 10 percent of  
5 national income, except during wartime; and  
6 WHEREAS, Tax Freedom Day is the day when Americans will  
7 finally have earned enough money to pay off their entire tax bills  
8 for the year, including federal and state income tax, sales tax, and  
9 other taxes levied upon them; and  
10 WHEREAS, According to the Tax Foundation’s annual  
11 calculation, this year America can celebrate the nation’s Tax  
12 Freedom Day on April 24, 2016; and

1 WHEREAS, April 24 is the same day as last year's national Tax  
2 Freedom Day, which has been steadily increasing since 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, The nation's taxpayers have to work from January  
4 1, 2016, to the 115th day of the year before earning enough money  
5 to pay for the government at the federal, state, and local levels and  
6 start spending money on essentials of life such as food, shelter,  
7 and education; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Tax Foundation's annual  
9 calculation, this year California can celebrate the state's Tax  
10 Freedom Day on April 30, 2016, which is 6 days longer than the  
11 national average; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes April 24, 2016,  
14 as the nation's "Tax Freedom Day," in recognition of the  
15 hardworking families, individuals, and businesses of the state,  
16 without which the ability of the government to spend revenues on  
17 any vital public service or infrastructure project would be  
18 impossible; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
20 of this resolution to the Governor and to the author for appropriate  
21 distribution.