

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 23, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 201

Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Weber~~ *Gonzalez*

August 11, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 201—Relative to California Young Parents Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 201, as amended, ~~Weber~~ *Gonzalez*. California Young Parents Day.

This measure would recognize August 25, 2016, and every August 25 thereafter, as California Young Parents Day and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating California Young Parents Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Young mothers and fathers, as all families, deserve
2 dignity, tangible support, and recognition as important members
3 of California communities; and
4 WHEREAS, Young mothers and fathers, as all youth, are part
5 of the fabric of vibrant communities across California and represent
6 its future prosperity; and
7 WHEREAS, Children, youth, and young adults under 20 years
8 of age make up over ~~a quarter~~ *one-quarter* of California's
9 population; and
10 WHEREAS, Young people of all economic backgrounds, gender
11 identities and expression, sexualities, abilities, and immigration
12 statuses have the right to parent the children they have; and

1 WHEREAS, Pregnant and parenting youth have the right, as all
2 youth, to all support needed to continue with their educational and
3 career goals, including child care, health care, housing assistance,
4 and job training and other economic opportunities; and

5 WHEREAS, Using negative language and stereotypes around
6 young parenting serves only to blame and denigrate young people
7 for their circumstances and does not reflect their realities; and

8 WHEREAS, Young people of color, whether pregnant,
9 parenting, or nonparenting, face persistent systemic inequities,
10 including, but not limited to, poverty, racism, sexism, and violence,
11 that shape and often undermine their decisionmaking and
12 aspirations; and

13 WHEREAS, Pregnant, parenting, and nonparenting youth must
14 have access to culturally relevant and gender-sensitive sexual and
15 reproductive health services and educational, material, economic,
16 and emotional support; and

17 WHEREAS, The health and wellness of young parents and their
18 children is our shared responsibility and must be reflected in our
19 state policies; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
21 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the
22 contributions and needs of young parents and that this resolution
23 serves as a framework to inform future policy decisions that affect
24 their well being; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That August 25, 2016, and every August 25 thereafter,
26 shall be recognized as “California Young Parents Day” and that
27 all Californians are encouraged to celebrate the occasion; and be
28 it further

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