

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 203**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chau**

August 19, 2016

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 203—Relative to Digital  
Citizenship Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 203, as introduced, Chau. Digital Citizenship Week.

This measure would recognize the week of October 16, 2016, to  
October 22, 2016, inclusive, as Digital Citizenship Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The recognition of Digital Citizenship Week is  
2 proposed in simultaneous recognition of National Bullying  
3 Prevention Month, Connected Educator Month, and National Cyber  
4 Security Awareness Month; and  
5 WHEREAS, The goal of Digital Citizenship Week is to raise  
6 awareness about the importance of digital citizenship as a set of  
7 defined, teachable skills for kids in the 21st century; and  
8 WHEREAS, Digital media is driving significant changes to the  
9 ways that children live and learn, and those changes bring exciting  
10 opportunities, such as new career paths and innovative means of  
11 self-expression; and  
12 WHEREAS, Digital media also poses potential dangers,  
13 including cyber bullying and exploitation, if not managed  
14 appropriately through education or other means; and  
15 WHEREAS, A Common Sense report, Zero to Eight: Children’s  
16 Media Use in America, finds that technology and media use begins

1 at an increasingly young age, with as many as 38 percent of  
2 children under 2 years of age using mobile devices for media in  
3 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the 2015 Common Sense Census:  
5 Media Use by Teens and Tweens, teenagers use an average of nine  
6 hours of media daily, not including media use for school or  
7 homework; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2015 Common Sense census also finds that  
9 one-half of teens interfere with their own learning by multitasking  
10 with social media while doing their homework; and

11 WHEREAS, Parents, educators, students, and lawmakers play  
12 a role in making sure children learn how to navigate the digital  
13 world safely and responsibly; and

14 WHEREAS, Digital citizenship means that children appreciate  
15 their responsibility for their choice of content as well as their  
16 actions when using the Internet, cell phones, or other digital media;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, To be responsible digital citizens, children must  
19 be digitally literate, which means being able to use and understand  
20 the many different types of digital technologies and messages; and

21 WHEREAS, This new media literacy should become an integral  
22 part of children's education that is woven into the overall  
23 curriculum across grade levels, starting as early as kindergarten;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The nation whose children best harness the  
26 educational and creative powers of digital media will write the  
27 economic and education success stories of the 21st century; and

28 WHEREAS, The Legislature believes in training and educating  
29 teachers and parents to help children understand and manage digital  
30 media's role in their lives through additional investments in that  
31 training and education; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes October 16,  
34 2016, to October 22, 2016, inclusive, as Digital Citizenship Week;  
35 and be it further

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

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