

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 203

Introduced by Assembly Member Chau

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 203, as amended, 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

1 WHEREAS, The goal of Digital Citizenship Week is to raise
2 awareness about the importance of digital citizenship as a set of
3 defined, teachable skills for kids in the 21st century; and

4 WHEREAS, Digital media is driving significant changes to the
5 ways that children live and learn, and those changes bring exciting
6 opportunities, such as new career paths and innovative means of
7 self-expression; and

8 WHEREAS, Digital media also poses potential dangers,
9 including cyber bullying and exploitation, if not managed
10 appropriately through education or other means; and

11 WHEREAS, A Common Sense report, Zero to Eight: Children's
12 Media Use in America, finds that technology and media use begins
13 at an increasingly young age, with as many as 38 percent of
14 children under 2 years of age using mobile devices for media in
15 2013; and

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, Digital citizenship means that children appreciate
27 their responsibility for their choice of content as well as their
28 actions when using the Internet, cell phones, or other digital media;
29 and

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

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

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

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

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes October 16,
7 2016, to October 22, 2016, inclusive, as Digital Citizenship Week;
8 and be it further

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