

**Introduced by ~~Senator~~ *Senators Beall, Block, Huff, Jackson, and Leno***

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Senate Resolution No. 74—Relative to Infrastructure Week.

1 WHEREAS, The week of May 16 ~~through~~ *to* 23, 2016, inclusive,  
2 is being observed at the state and national ~~level~~ *levels* as  
3 Infrastructure Week; and

4 WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week represents the largest, most  
5 diverse, nonpartisan coalition of organizations representing  
6 America’s business, labor, and policymaking leadership from all  
7 sectors of America, the economy, and civil society dedicated to  
8 strengthening America’s competitiveness by building and  
9 rebuilding our infrastructure systems; and

10 WHEREAS, During the week, focused advocacy, media  
11 coverage, and other efforts around the country will tell the story  
12 of America’s infrastructure and its impact on our communities,  
13 economy, and quality of life; and

14 WHEREAS, California’s infrastructure also is aging and presents  
15 a public safety and quality of life issue for all residents; and

16 WHEREAS, Many of the bridges and highway roads in  
17 California were constructed more than 50 years ago and, according  
18 to “The Road Information Program,” driving on deficient roads  
19 costs California motorists a total of \$44 billion annually in the  
20 form of additional vehicle operating costs, congestion-related  
21 delays, and traffic crashes; and

22 WHEREAS, It is not uncommon to have 100-year-old water  
23 mains running throughout towns, and the state estimates that

1 California’s water distribution systems lose up to 228 billion  
2 gallons annually — more than enough to supply the entire city of  
3 Los Angeles for a year; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers gives  
5 California’s infrastructure an overall rating of “C” and calls for  
6 additional investments to maintain and continue to improve  
7 California’s infrastructure through 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, It is recognized that the success of California over  
9 the past 100 years can be traced to its highly advanced  
10 infrastructure system consisting of the interstate freeway network,  
11 bridges, State Water Project, electrical distribution grid, and  
12 wastewater treatment facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, According to studies such as a May 2014 report  
14 from Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services, every dollar invested  
15 in infrastructure generates nearly two dollars in economic output;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, California leaders recognize the importance of  
18 investing in infrastructure now to avoid future problems; and

19 WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week challenges policymakers and  
20 the public to address head-on the challenges facing infrastructure  
21 in the United States, to move beyond short-term fixes and deferred  
22 maintenance, and to envision the innovative solutions, technologies,  
23 policies, and investments that will improve America’s infrastructure  
24 today and for the future; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate  
26 hereby recognizes the week of May 16 ~~through~~ to 23, 2016,  
27 inclusive, as Infrastructure Week in the State of California; and  
28 be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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33 **CORRECTIONS:**  
34 **Heading—Lines 1, 2, and 3.**

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