

## **Senate Resolution No. 77**

### **Introduced by Senator Fuller**

Relative to postsecondary education

WHEREAS, The economic competitiveness of California in the economy requires a well-educated workforce; and

WHEREAS, Higher education is more important than ever because it is an essential step to entering and remaining in the middle class; and

WHEREAS, Because of the importance of higher education, California should expand the opportunity to pursue and attain higher education degrees to more people than have had that opportunity in the past; and

WHEREAS, Public investment in higher education pays off, as evidenced by the fact that workers with college degrees earn more money, pay more taxes, and rely less on government services; and

WHEREAS, Students who experience higher education gain respect, networking skills, and insight into cutting-edge technology and are challenged to be more innovative; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging students of all ages to pursue educational goals at all levels will prepare the next generation of college students to be the driving force of California's future economy; and

WHEREAS, California has lagged behind other states in college attendance and graduation; and

WHEREAS, Attending college and graduating with an advanced degree builds self-esteem, communication skills, discipline, and perseverance. These qualities make a positive and significant difference in a person's life and in his or her level of accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, By an act of the registrar at National Day Calendar, June 6 was declared National Higher Education Day; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate recognizes California's students, civic leaders, community members, school administrators, colleges, and universities for their important contribution in promoting the value of higher education and therefore

recognizes the month of June 2016 as Higher Education Month; and be it further

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

Senate Resolution No. 77 read and adopted by the Senate June 30, 2016.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate