

**Introduced by Senator Cannella
(Coauthors: Senators Bates, Block, Gaines, Glazer, Hall, Hertzberg,
Leno, and Nielsen)**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 143—Relative to National Bike Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 143, as introduced, Cannella. National Bike Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2016 as National Bike Month in California and would encourage Californians to ride bicycles for commuting and recreation.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, National Bike Month was established in 1956 by
- 2 the League of American Bicyclists as a way to showcase the many
- 3 benefits of bicycling and encourage others to give biking a try;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists has ranked the
- 6 State of California as the 8th most bicycle-friendly state, based on
- 7 the state’s 56 bicycle-friendly communities, 92 bicycle-friendly
- 8 businesses, and 14 bicycle-friendly universities; and
- 9 WHEREAS, National Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate
- 10 the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons to ride, such
- 11 as biking to work or school, riding to save money or time,
- 12 preserving health or the environment, or exploring local
- 13 communities; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The bicycle is an economic, healthy, convenient,
- 15 and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent

1 tool for recreation and the enjoyment California’s scenic beauty;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Creating a bicycle-friendly community has been
4 credited with improving the health of local residents, growing local
5 economies, attracting tourism dollars, and reducing pollution and
6 road congestion; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2012, bicycling became the third most popular
8 and second most frequent outdoor activity among adults in the
9 United States with 51 percent of bicycle trips made for utilitarian
10 purposes such as commuting; and

11 WHEREAS, The number of bicyclists is growing rapidly
12 throughout the United States. The National Household Travel
13 Survey showed that the number of trips made by bicycle in the
14 United States more than doubled from 1.7 billion in 2001 to 4
15 billion in 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists estimate that
17 Americans saved \$4.6 billion in 2012 by bicycling instead of
18 driving an automobile, based on the annual operating expense of
19 \$308 for a bicycle and an \$8,000 annual operating expense of a
20 car; and

21 WHEREAS, Bicycling is quickly becoming more than just a
22 recreational activity. The number of United States commuters
23 using a bicycle as their primary mode of transportation in the
24 United States grew by more than 62 percent; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates May
27 2016 as National Bike Month in California to celebrate the many
28 benefits of bicycling, to encourage Californians to ride bicycles
29 for commuting and recreation, and to urge local communities to
30 create bicycle-friendly policies and facilities; and be it further

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