

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 64

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 1—Relative to Neighborhood Watch Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 1, Machado. Neighborhood Watch Month.

This measure would designate the month of August 1997 as Neighborhood Watch Month.

WHEREAS, California's communities recognize Neighborhood Watch as an effective means for keeping crime out of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Neighbors and law enforcement agencies can work together to create an effective crimefighting team; and

WHEREAS, Approximately one residential burglary occurs every two minutes in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, The United States Attorney General has warned that juvenile crime arrests will more than double by the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, Much remains to be done to ensure the safety of our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities for ourselves and our children; and

WHEREAS, The battle against crime will not be won by individuals acting alone; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch teaches children respect for the law, reinforces community values, and encourages the kind of individual responsibility that makes for healthy, creative neighborhoods populated by safer and happier citizens; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch programs put neighbors on guard for criminal activity that may occur near their homes, encourage the reporting of suspicious activity to the police, and provide escorts for elderly or vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, The growth of Neighborhood Watch programs is truly encouraging; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch programs play a significant role and encompass a broad range of activities in making neighborhoods safe; and

WHEREAS, Because of the significance and scope of Neighborhood Watch programs in making neighborhoods safe, it is important that the State of California recognize the many contributions of the residents of this state and of law enforcement officers; now, therefore, be it



Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the month of August 1997 be declared Neighborhood Watch Month; and be it further

Resolved, that on the occasion of Neighborhood Watch Month, the Legislature of the State of California commends those California residents who have participated in Neighborhood Watch programs for their distinguished service to their communities by uniting with their neighbors and law enforcement to keep their neighborhoods safe, and encourages all Californians to join in this effective means of fighting crime in their neighborhoods.

