

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 118**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Morrow**

March 12, 1998

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to Juror Appreciation Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 118, as introduced, Morrow. Juror Appreciation Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of May 10, 1998, to May 16, 1998, inclusive, and the 2nd full week in May, annually, to be Juror Appreciation Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of  
2 America and the Constitution of the State of California  
3 provide for trial by jury as an essential right of citizenship;  
4 and  
5 WHEREAS, The right to a jury trial in both criminal  
6 and civil cases is guaranteed to every citizen as a  
7 fundamental component of the American legal system;  
8 and  
9 WHEREAS, Over 500,000 California citizens annually  
10 participate in the judicial process by serving as trial jurors;  
11 and  
12 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Commission on Jury  
13 System Improvement formed by the Judicial Council of  
14 California, the policy-making body for California's courts,

1 emphasized in its final report to the California  
2 Legislature that an effective jury system is of critical  
3 importance to public respect for the rule of law; and

4 WHEREAS, The Jury Education Management Forum,  
5 a statewide organization of jury managers operating  
6 under the auspices of the California Association of Trial  
7 Court Administrators, is working in partnership with the  
8 judiciary and staff of all California trial courts to educate  
9 the public about jury service and to recognize individuals  
10 who have generously committed their time in jury  
11 service and in continuing support of the jury system; and

12 WHEREAS, The Jury Education Management Forum,  
13 with the concurrence of the California Association of  
14 Trial Court Administrators and the Judicial Council of  
15 California, has requested that the week of May 10, 1998 to  
16 May 16, 1998, inclusive, and the second full week in May  
17 of each year thereafter be designated as the annual Juror  
18 Appreciation Week, a special time for the recognition of  
19 jury service and the role it plays in a democratic society;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The California Legislature joins with the  
22 Judicial Council of California and the California trial  
23 courts in encouraging all citizens to support the jury  
24 system and appear when summoned for service, thereby  
25 fulfilling this most important civic responsibility shared  
26 by every member of a democracy; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*  
28 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the week of May 10, 1998,  
29 to May 16, 1998, inclusive, and the second full week in May  
30 of each year thereafter shall be proclaimed and  
31 celebrated as annual Juror Appreciation Week  
32 throughout the state, in honor of the thousands of citizens  
33 who support the jury system, thereby making the  
34 cherished right of trial by jury a reality; and, be it further

35 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
36 transmit copies of this resolution to the Jury Education  
37 Management Forum, the California Association of Trial



1 Court Administrators, and the Judicial Council of  
2 California.

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