

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 66

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91—Relative to Missing Children's Week.

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This measure would designate the week of May 25th as "Missing Children's Week" in the State of California.

WHEREAS, Every 40 seconds a child is declared missing in the United States, and approximately 400,000 child abductions are reported nationwide each year; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, 9,354 children were missing in California, of which 56 children were abducted by strangers, 929 children were missing under suspicious circumstances, 2,733 children were abducted by a parent or family member, 5,153 children were missing under unknown circumstances, and 483 children were lost; and

WHEREAS, Missing children may suffer from long-term or permanent trauma as a result of their experience; and

WHEREAS, Nonfamily abductions have the highest risk of homicide and are more likely to result in sexual and physical assaults on the child victims; and

WHEREAS, The majority of families of missing children experience substantial psychological consequences and emotional distress; and

WHEREAS, National "Missing Children's Day" is May 25; and

WHEREAS, It is important to bring attention to the staggering number of children who are abducted each year so that we can do everything possible to protect our children from being abducted and to locate children that are missing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the week of May 25th as "Missing Children's Week" in the State of California; and be it further

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

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