

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Tran

March 10, 2005

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39—Relative to child abuse prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 39, as introduced, Tran. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would recognize the month of April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The problem of child abuse is an unacceptable
2 social ill; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 3 million reports of suspected or
4 known child abuse and neglect are made to child protective
5 services each year; and

6 WHEREAS, 588,000 American children are unable to live
7 safely with their families and are placed in foster homes and
8 institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 1,200 children, 85% under 6
10 years of age and 44% under 1 year of age, lose their lives each
11 year as a direct result of abuse and neglect; and

12 WHEREAS, The rate of infant homicide has doubled, reaching
13 a 30-year high, during a period when overall infant mortality
14 decreased from all other sources; and

15 WHEREAS, This tragic social problem results in human and
16 economic costs due to its relationship to crime and delinquency,
17 drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and welfare
18 dependency; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring*, that the Legislature of the State of California
3 hereby declares the month of April 2005 to be Child Abuse
4 Prevention Month in this state.

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