

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85**

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 136

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

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ACR 85, Leno. Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

This measure would proclaim November 2005, as Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

WHEREAS, Each year in California, there are more than 490,000 reports of child abuse and neglect and approximately 27,000 children enter foster care; and

WHEREAS, Almost 85,000 children in California are living apart from their families in out-of-home care; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-four percent of the children in foster care in California have been away from their families in out-of-home care for four or more years; and

WHEREAS, Of the more than 35,000 children exiting foster care between January and December 2004, 52 percent reunited with their families and 20 percent were adopted; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Council is committed to working with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and communities to bring about permanency for children who have been abused and neglected; and

WHEREAS, Local courts and communities throughout California have created programs promoting adoption and permanency that have resulted in a decrease in the number of children waiting for permanent, safe homes; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly and Senate are committed to working together to improve outcomes for children in the child welfare system; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That November 2005, is hereby proclaimed to be Court Adoption and Permanency Month, in which the courts and their local communities are encouraged to join together in activities to expedite permanency; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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