

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 30, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 45

Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

April 9, 2007

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 45—Relative to the 2007 State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 45, as amended, Caballero. The 2007 State scientist Day.

This measure would proclaim May 23, 2007, as the 19th Annual State Scientist Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional
2 scientists working in over 30 state departments in 230 scientific
3 classifications; and

4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually
5 every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology,
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and several others; and

7 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California
8 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) which is dedicated
9 to professionalism, independence, responsible advocacy, and
10 ensuring that state scientists receive fair pay and benefits for their
11 important work; and *earning recognition for the important work*
12 *of state scientists; and*

13 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists protects the public
14 from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant

1 natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste
2 and pollution; and

3 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical
4 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding and
5 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all
6 Californians; and

7 ~~WHEREAS, California's vital environmental, natural resource,~~
8 ~~and public health protection programs are threatened by~~
9 ~~substandard state scientific salaries because many state agencies~~
10 ~~cannot retain or recruit skilled scientific professionals; and~~

11 ~~WHEREAS, If California loses our scientific expertise, the state~~
12 ~~will be unarmed in the battles against greenhouse gas emissions,~~
13 ~~air quality, and the overall protection of our children's health,~~
14 ~~according to a 2006 Cal/EPA report; and~~

15 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas
16 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and response,
17 the monitoring of drinking water, the protection of crops,
18 brownfield cleanups, chemical and radiological disaster response,
19 and much more; and

20 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day
21 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition
22 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state
23 government while entertaining and educating over 2,000
24 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits,
25 including digging for hidden artifacts, viewing live fish in a
26 1,500-gallon tank, and playing Pollution Prevention "Wheel of
27 Fortune" and Coastal Creature "Jeopardy"; and

28 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in
29 science for thousands of California school children, legislators,
30 state employees, and the public who attend the special event; and

31 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists provides all
32 Californians with hope for clean food, safe homes, clean air and
33 water, and a healthy environment; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California
36 hereby proclaims Wednesday, May 23, 2007, as the 19th Annual
37 State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute to the
38 dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work
39 on behalf of all Californians; and be it further

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

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