

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 41

Introduced by Assembly Member Miller

February 27, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to California Indian Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 41, as introduced, Miller. Native Americans: California Indian Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim November 2009 as California Indian Heritage Month, encourage its observance with activities that celebrate our uniqueness as Americans, and commend California Indian nations for their outstanding contributions to this state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush proclaimed November
- 2 2007 as National American Indian Heritage Month in recognition
- 3 of American Indians and Alaskan Natives; and
- 4 WHEREAS, California is home to more Native American Indian
- 5 tribes than any other state in the United States; as of the last census,
- 6 over 423,000 American Indians were living in the state in 2007,
- 7 and their history forms an integral part of the state's history that
- 8 needs to be told; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In recognition of the sovereignty of the California
- 10 Indian nations to be self-governing, self-supporting, and
- 11 self-reliant, Californians are working to protect and enhance tribal
- 12 resources; and

1 WHEREAS, California Indians, through their rich cultural
2 traditions and proud ancestry, have made vital contributions to the
3 strength and diversity of our society; and

4 WHEREAS, Native American Indians have given much to the
5 United States and to California and, in recognition of this fact, it
6 is fitting that the honor is returned by recognizing Native American
7 Indians for their rich history and commitment to the State of
8 California; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims that the month
11 of November 2009 be recognized as California Indian Heritage
12 Month, encourages the observance of this event with activities that
13 celebrate our uniqueness as Americans, and takes this opportunity
14 to commend California Indian nations for their outstanding
15 contributions to this great state; and be it further

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