

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 56

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to Earth Week 2009.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 56, as introduced, Huffman. Earth Week 2009.

This measure would proclaim the week of April 20 to April 24, 2009, inclusive, as Earth Week 2009.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Thirty-nine years ago, millions of Americans of
2 all ages, walks of life, and political affiliations joined together on
3 April 22, 1970, in a demonstration of concern and support for the
4 environment; and

5 WHEREAS, The spirit of the first Earth Day continues to
6 increase public environmental awareness inspiring millions of
7 Californians to make individual decisions that reduce
8 environmental impacts; and

1 WHEREAS, The California environment, including its rocky
2 coasts, sandy beaches, redwood forests, deserts, and towering
3 mountains, is among the most unique and beautiful in the world;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Legislature has helped safeguard the state's
6 scenic beauty and natural resources, and the quality of its water,
7 air, and land, through the enactment of various environmental
8 laws; and

9 WHEREAS, The work done by state government has protected
10 public health and improved environmental preservation programs,
11 policies, and activities in a manner that is designed to promote
12 equality and afford fair treatment, full access, and full protection
13 to all Californians, including low-income and minority populations;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The protection of California's natural resources
16 helps stimulate our economy, especially industries related to
17 tourism, fishing, and new technologies, as well as enhance our
18 quality of life; and

19 WHEREAS, Sometimes our daily actions inadvertently pollute
20 or degrade the fragile environment that all life depends on to
21 survive, and we must continue to make each day an "Earth Day"
22 if we want to ensure a healthy environment for future generations;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Activities to celebrate April 20 to April 24, 2009,
25 inclusive, commemorating the 39th anniversary of the first Earth
26 Day, will focus public attention on and encourage personal and
27 community participation in the environment through recycling,
28 conserving energy and water, encouraging use of renewable
29 resources, using efficient transportation such as alternative fueled
30 vehicles, adopting sustainable building practices, and promoting
31 other environmentally responsible personal actions; and

32 WHEREAS, Earth Week 2009 will provide an impetus for
33 additional protection of the environment and our public health,
34 and inspire local, state, national, and international efforts required
35 over the next decade in order to remedy the environmental
36 problems that we face; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring*, That April 20 to 24, 2009, inclusive, is hereby
39 declared to be "Earth Week 2009"; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature reaffirms its commitment to the
2 fundamental principles that underlie the state's environmental
3 laws, including the protection of human health from environmental
4 hazards; the continuance of programs to safeguard air and water
5 quality; the recycling and reuse of materials; the effective cleanup
6 of pollution of the state's land, air, and water resources; the
7 preservation of natural ecosystems; and the maintenance of the
8 fundamental right of the public to fully participate in public
9 decisions regarding the environment; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That California recognizes the importance of the
11 environment and encourages residents to include in their daily
12 lives those activities that promote the goals of Earth Week 2009;
13 and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of the Natural
16 Resources Agency, and the Secretary of the Environmental
17 Protection Agency, and to the Environmental Caucus for
18 appropriate distribution.