

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 183

Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 183—Relative to California Adoption Month.

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ACR 183, as introduced, Fletcher. California Adoption Month.
This measure would declare November 2010 to be California Adoption Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of this state to increase
2 awareness regarding the adoption of children and youth from foster
3 care; and
4 WHEREAS, Every child in California should live in a safe,
5 stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong
6 communities; and
7 WHEREAS, Every child needs and deserves to feel love and a
8 sense of belonging, and have the continuity of family and loved
9 ones to support and guide them in their lives; and
10 WHEREAS, The efforts throughout our great state of public
11 and private adoption agencies that work tirelessly to find the best
12 family support for children and youth who cannot safely return to
13 their own families, and the efforts of child welfare jurisdictions

1 that are increasingly placing an emphasis on permanency in their
2 policy and practice, should be acknowledged and supported; and

3 WHEREAS, The very important need to find and support
4 permanent homes for California’s children and youth in foster care
5 should also be acknowledged and supported; and

6 WHEREAS, Children with loving, caring, and involved parents
7 can better realize their full potential and thrive by encouragement
8 from their parents to aim high, work hard, and make the right
9 choices that will lead to a healthy and satisfying life; and

10 WHEREAS, During the 2008–09 fiscal year, over 7,250 children
11 were adopted in the State of California; and

12 WHEREAS, There are over 62,500 children in the California
13 foster care system; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 18,000 of the children in foster care are
15 awaiting adoption into a permanent home; and

16 WHEREAS, There are millions of children worldwide awaiting
17 permanent, safe, loving homes; and

18 WHEREAS, Six in 10 Americans have had a personal
19 experience with adoption; meaning they, a family member, or a
20 close friend was adopted, has adopted a child, or has placed a child
21 for adoption; and

22 WHEREAS, Loving and nurturing families are formed every
23 day when committed and dedicated individuals make an important
24 difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

25 WHEREAS, In the United States, over 1.7 million families have
26 created homes for adopted children; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares November 2010
29 to be California Adoption Month; and be it further

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