

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 185

Introduced by Assembly Members Cook and Torlakson

August 9, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 185—Relative to California Native American Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 185, as introduced, Cook. California Native American Day.

This measure would recognize the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 24, 2010, and the concurrent California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is home to more federally recognized
2 Indian tribes than any other state in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, The cultural and governmental contributions of
4 the native peoples of California have shaped the course for the
5 state throughout history; and

6 WHEREAS, California designated the fourth Friday of every
7 September as California Native American Day; and

8 WHEREAS, California Native American Day is celebrated in
9 this state by tribes and communities across the state, and is a day
10 for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history
11 in schools; and

12 WHEREAS, California Indian tribes are committed to
13 contributing to the educational curricula provided by the state and
14 believe in providing new and improved educational resources about

1 the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by,
2 California Native Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1999, the San Manuel Band of Mission
4 Indians, in conjunction with the California State University at San
5 Bernardino, have conducted an annual program to share Native
6 American culture with the children and educators of San
7 Bernardino County; and

8 WHEREAS, This year the San Manuel Tribal Unity and Cultural
9 Awareness Program and the Santos Manuel Student Union at the
10 California State University at San Bernardino are cosponsors of a
11 five-day conference designed to enhance the awareness of and
12 discuss California Indian culture; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Indian Cultural Awareness
14 Conference will be held concurrently with California Native
15 American Day and will assist educators by providing new
16 educational resources regarding the rich and varied lives of the
17 California Indian Nations; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance
20 of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on
21 September 24, 2010, and the concurrent California Indian Cultural
22 Awareness Conference to the enhancement of awareness of
23 California Indian culture; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
25 of this resolution to the President of California State University,
26 San Bernardino, the General Council of the Sovereign Government
27 of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and the author for
28 appropriate distribution.