

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

March 16, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Chabad Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 23, as amended, Steinberg. Chabad Day.

This measure would proclaim March 23 as Chabad Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California's Jewish community has been active in
2 the formation of the state since the Gold Rush in 1849; and

3 WHEREAS, In the Jewish world, the concept of ~~mitzvah—the~~
4 *mitzvah*, the Jewish belief in doing good ~~deeds—is deeds~~, is a core
5 belief in the Jewish community and religion; and

6 WHEREAS, There are many branches of Judaism active in
7 California today; and

8 WHEREAS, Social and charitable organizations that provide
9 community services, such as Chabad, have established themselves
10 in California; and

11 WHEREAS, The Jewish social organization that is named
12 Chabad was established in this state in 1965, as a branch of the
13 worldwide Chabad-Lubavitch movement under the leadership of
14 the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Since Chabad has been established in California,
17 it has created ~~the largest~~ a large network of educational and social
18 services on the West Coast, including over ~~225~~ 200 community

1 centers, the National Drug Rehabilitation Center, numerous day
2 schools, and 30 summer camps that offer scholarships for
3 underprivileged children, children of the military, and new
4 immigrants; and

5 WHEREAS, Chabad’s “L’Chaim-To Life!” Telethon was
6 established 29 years ago with the goal of uniting and educating
7 the entire ~~community~~ *—from community, from* civic leaders and
8 celebrities to politicians, including men, women, and children of
9 all races and ~~religions~~ *—for religions, for* a night of song, dance,
10 and hope; and

11 WHEREAS, The state and its residents have continually
12 commended community-based organizations, such as Chabad, that
13 have tried to achieve the goal of “making this world a place of
14 goodness and kindness”; and

15 WHEREAS, The state recognizes the contributions that
16 community-based organizations provide to the state and its
17 residents through community service, in an effort to better the lives
18 of the residents of our great state; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims March 23 as
21 Chabad Day in California; and be it further

22 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges all residents to do ~~mitzvahs~~
23 ~~—one mitzvahs, one~~ or more acts of goodness and ~~kindness~~ *—each*
24 *kindness, each* and every day; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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