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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 10

Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10—Relative to California Arbor Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 10, as amended, Dickinson. California Arbor Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of March 7 to March 14 of each year as California Arbor Week, and would urge California residents to observe the week with appropriate tree planting activities and programs.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationally to encourage
- 2 Americans to maintain and replenish our country's vast forests,
- 3 orchards, and woodlands; and

1 WHEREAS, In California, we also observe Arbor Day starting
2 on the birthday of Luther Burbank, a famed California
3 horticulturalist whose life's labor produced hundreds of plants and
4 trees that have contributed to the natural splendor and food
5 production in our state; and

6 WHEREAS, Trees are a vital resource in beautifying our urban
7 environment and serve as an important psychological link with
8 nature for California's urban residents and underserved
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Trees are a valuable economic asset in our cities
11 that help maintain or increase property values and attract business
12 and new residents in urban areas; and

13 WHEREAS, Trees play an important role in energy conservation
14 by modifying temperature extremes with shade and humidity, and
15 are particularly important in reducing the amount of energy
16 consumed in heating and cooling buildings and homes; and

17 WHEREAS, Trees planted in urban areas play a significant role
18 in meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets
19 by sequestering carbon as well as reducing energy consumption;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Trees directly contribute to improving California's
22 air quality by reducing air pollution, removing airborne particulates
23 from the atmosphere, and helping to purify the air; and

24 WHEREAS, Trees play a significant role in protecting and
25 purifying California's limited water resources by reducing surface
26 runoff, contributing to storm water management activity, and
27 protecting urban water resources; and

28 WHEREAS, Trees provide essential habitat for much of
29 California's wildlife, including many listed, threatened, and
30 endangered species; and

31 WHEREAS, Trees enhance the aesthetic quality of life in urban
32 communities by providing a natural buffer for surface noise and
33 a natural recreational resource for California's children and at-risk
34 youth; and

35 WHEREAS, California has more urban and community forestry
36 organizations than any other state simply because trees, green
37 spaces, and the canopy cover are so important to our children, our
38 residents, and visitors to our state; and

39 WHEREAS, Maximizing the benefits of trees through
40 multiple-objective projects that contribute to public infrastructure

1 services can provide cost-effective solutions to the needs of
2 underserved and severely underserved communities, as well as
3 urban and suburban areas, by harnessing the aforementioned
4 benefits provided by trees; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
7 week of March 7 to March 14 of each year as California Arbor
8 Week, and urges California residents to observe the week with
9 appropriate tree planting activities and programs; and be it further

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