# Assembly Concurrent Resolution        No. 145

## Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

April 23, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 145—Relative to Child Safety Awareness Month.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 145, as introduced, Ma. Child Safety Awareness Month.
This measure would declare the month of May 2012 as Child Safety Awareness Month.
Fiscal committee: no.

1    WHEREAS, Annually, approximately 800,000 children are
2  reported missing in the United States, which averages one child
3  every 40 seconds; and
4    WHEREAS, Of those approximately 800,000 children, 450,000
5  children run away, 300,000 children are abducted by a family
6  member, and 58,000 children are abducted by a nonfamily member;
7  and
8    WHEREAS, These statistics are meant to encourage parents to
9  be prepared, not scared; and
10   WHEREAS, When a child is missing, the child's parent or
11  guardian should report the child's disappearance to local authorities
12  as soon as possible, ideally within the first two to three hours after
13  the child's disappearance; and
14   WHEREAS, To be as effective as possible, when reporting a
15  missing child, a parent or guardian should have an AFCA/FBI

1 National Child ID Kit available to give to law enforcement and
2 should file a missing person's report; and
3     WHEREAS, A child's photograph in a Child ID Kit should be
4 current and should be replaced every six to 12 months; and
5     WHEREAS, It is important to add detailed information about
6 identifiable marks such as birthmarks and scars, either as a
7 description or a photograph, to the Child ID Kit; and
8     WHEREAS, There are 6.8 million schoolaged children in the
9 State of California, and the safety of those children is paramount
10 and should be a concern for all; now, therefore, be it
11     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature declares the month of
13 May 2012 as Child Safety Awareness Month; and be it further
14     *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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