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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 145**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ma**

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 145, as amended, 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

1 WHEREAS, Of those approximately 800,000 children, 450,000  
2 children run away, 300,000 children are abducted by a family  
3 member, and 58,000 children are abducted by a nonfamily member;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, These statistics are meant to encourage parents to  
6 be prepared, not scared; and

7 WHEREAS, When a child is missing, the child’s parent or  
8 guardian should report the child’s disappearance to local authorities  
9 as soon as possible, ideally within the first two to three hours after  
10 the child’s disappearance; and

11 WHEREAS, To be as effective as possible, when reporting a  
12 missing child, a parent or guardian should have an AFCA/FBI  
13 National Child ID Kit available to give to law enforcement and  
14 should file a missing person’s report; and

15 WHEREAS, A child’s photograph in a Child ID Kit should be  
16 current and should be replaced every 6 to 12 months; and

17 WHEREAS, It is important to add detailed information about  
18 identifiable marks such as birthmarks and scars, either as a  
19 description or a photograph, to the Child ID Kit; and

20 WHEREAS, There are 6.8 million schoolaged children in the  
21 State of California, and the safety of those children is paramount  
22 and should be a concern for all; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
24 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the month of*  
25 *May 2012 as Child Safety Awareness Month; and be it further*

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