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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 84

Introduced by Senator Kehoe

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to California Coastal Protection Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 84, as amended, Kehoe. California Coastal Protection Week.

This measure would *designate the week of September 8 through September 15, 2012, and the 2nd week of September every year thereafter as California Coastal Protection Week and would urge all Californians to observe the week of September 8-15, 2012, that week as California Coastal Protection Week, and would designate that week, and the 2nd week of September every year thereafter as California Coastal Protection Week.*

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The enduring beauty of the California coastline is
- 2 an irreplaceable and continuing source of inspiration,
- 3 transformation, and spiritual renewal that has always been, and
- 4 continues to be, a magnet for people of all ages, means, and creeds;
- 5 and

1 WHEREAS, On November 7, 1972, the voters of California
2 passed Proposition 20, which enacted the California Coastal Zone
3 Conservation Act of 1972, by a majority vote of 55.1 percent; and

4 WHEREAS, Proposition 20 created the California Coastal
5 Commission as part of the state's first coastal management program
6 for the protection of significant coastal resources and public access;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The "Save Our Coast" campaign to pass
9 Proposition 20 was successful despite being outspent by the
10 opponents by a margin of greater than 4:1; and

11 WHEREAS, The "Save Our Coast" campaign was a true
12 grassroots effort organized by the Coastal Alliance, which grew
13 to a coalition of more than 700 environmental, business, and labor
14 groups led by *the late* Janet Adams, united by a common goal of
15 saving the California coast for the benefit of future generations;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Proposition 20 provided the framework for creating
18 the *California* Coastal Plan, one of the most ambitious experiments
19 in participatory land use planning ever attempted. More than 6,000
20 California citizens attended 259 public hearings over the course
21 of three years, providing thousands of hours of public testimony
22 that were condensed into the 161 recommendations to the
23 Legislature embodied in the California Coastal Plan; and

24 WHEREAS, The Legislature heeded many of those
25 recommendations in the plan, and complied with the voters'
26 mandate to enact a permanent state coastal protection law within
27 four years by passing Senate Bill 1277 of the 1975–76 Regular
28 Session; (Chapter 1330 of the Statutes of 1976), which enacted
29 the California Coastal Act of 1976 (Division 20 (commencing with
30 Section ~~30000~~); *30000*) of the *Public Resources Code*); and

31 WHEREAS, California's coastal management program, which
32 is implemented and administered by state agencies including the
33 California Coastal Commission, the San Francisco Bay
34 Conservation and Development Commission, and the State Coastal
35 Conservancy, was described as the nation's "flagship" coastal
36 program when it received federal approval in 1977, giving the state
37 critical authority over federal projects such as offshore oil drilling
38 and military activities; and

39 WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20, the state has
40 created 2,000 new public accessways, designated over 500 miles

1 of the *California* Coastal Trail, and protected thousands of acres
2 of beaches, wetlands, woodlands, and dunes from inappropriate
3 development; and

4 WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20, the state has
5 prevented any new offshore oil ~~drilling~~ *leasing* in federal waters
6 and minimized the risk of a catastrophic marine oil spill; and

7 WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20, the state has
8 encouraged, supported, and approved adequate amounts of
9 important public infrastructure and energy facilities, and
10 appropriately sited and designed commercial, residential, and
11 visitor-serving development within the coastal zone, as evidenced
12 by the state's \$40 billion coastal economy; and

13 WHEREAS, California's clean and healthy coastal beaches,
14 bays, bluffs, forests, fens, wetlands, estuaries, and dunes, and the
15 trails, rivers, roads, and communities that connect them, draw over
16 100 million visitors annually; and

17 WHEREAS, California residents continue to express their
18 ongoing support for coastal protection through numerous volunteer
19 activities including Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest all-volunteer
20 annual activity in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, This year, 2012, marks the 40th anniversary of the
22 passage of Proposition 20 and the beginning of statewide coastal
23 protection in California as we have come to know it; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 *Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
26 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature ~~urges all Californians to~~*
27 *~~observe the week of September 8-15, 2012, designates the week~~*
28 *~~of September 8 through September 15, 2012, and the second week~~*
29 *~~of September every year hereafter as California Coastal Protection~~*
30 *~~Week; and be it further~~*

31 *Resolved, That the Legislature ~~designates the~~ urges all*
32 *Californians to observe the week of September 8-15, 8 through*
33 *September 15, 2012, and the second week of September every year*
34 *hereafter as California Coastal Protection Week; and be it further*

35 *Resolved, That the Legislature encourages California public*
36 *schools to include coastal protection in their outdoor education*
37 *curriculum whenever possible during the month of September;*
38 *and be it further*

39 *Resolved, That the Legislature calls upon all Californians to*
40 *observe California Coastal Protection Week by recognizing the*

- 1 passion, dedication, and commitment to the cause of coastal
- 2 protection exhibited by ordinary citizens involved in the campaign
- 3 to pass Proposition 20; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 5 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.