

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 136

**Introduced by Assembly Members Eggman and Alejo
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136—Relative to National Strawberry Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 136, as introduced, Eggman. National Strawberry Month.

This measure, in celebration of National Strawberry Month, would recognize the contributions of California strawberry farmers and the California Strawberry Commission in supporting a quintessential California crop that sustains families, communities, the environment, the California economy, and the opportunity for immigrants to pursue the American Dream.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, May is National Strawberry Month; and
- 2 WHEREAS, California grows more strawberries than any other
- 3 place in the world, including all 49 other states combined, and
- 4 more organic strawberries than all 49 other states combined; and
- 5 WHEREAS, California strawberry farmers grow nearly 90
- 6 percent of all strawberries produced in the United States; and
- 7 WHEREAS, California’s 400 family farmers and 60 shippers
- 8 and processors of strawberries are responsible for contributing
- 9 \$2.3 billion to the economy and generating thousands of jobs
- 10 ranging from researchers and harvesters to exporters and grocers;
- 11 and

1 WHEREAS, California strawberry farmers represent the diverse
2 cultures found in the Golden State; and

3 WHEREAS, Many California strawberry farm owners started
4 out as field workers— a testament to an industry that presents
5 opportunity for workers to own their own businesses and fulfill
6 the American dream; and

7 WHEREAS, California’s strawberry farmers are leading the
8 world in environmental research dedicated to improving and
9 promoting sustainable farming practices; and

10 WHEREAS, Thanks to California strawberry farmers, some
11 40,000 acres of land along the Central Coast are protected and
12 preserved; and

13 WHEREAS, Strawberry farmers, shippers, and processors are
14 represented by the California Strawberry Commission, a state
15 government entity that promotes strawberries as an important part
16 of healthy nutrition and lifestyles; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1994, the California Strawberry Commission
18 formed the California Strawberry Scholarship Program which has
19 given over \$1.5 million to farmers’ children bound for college or
20 trade schools; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in celebration of National
23 Strawberry Month, recognizes the contributions of California
24 strawberry farmers and the California Strawberry Commission in
25 supporting a quintessential California crop that sustains families,
26 communities, the environment, the California economy, and the
27 opportunity for immigrants to pursue the American Dream; and
28 be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief of the Assembly transmit copies of
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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