

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 49

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136—Relative to National Strawberry Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 136, 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.

WHEREAS, May is National Strawberry Month; and

WHEREAS, California grows more strawberries than any other place in the world, including all 49 other states combined, and more organic strawberries than all 49 other states combined; and

WHEREAS, California strawberry farmers grow nearly 90 percent of all strawberries produced in the United States; and

WHEREAS, California's 400 family farmers and 60 shippers and processors of strawberries are responsible for contributing \$2.3 billion to the economy and generating thousands of jobs ranging from researchers and harvesters to exporters and grocers; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature, in celebration of National Strawberry Month, recognizes 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; and be it further

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