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ACR-101 Coastal Cleanup Day. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 101

CHAPTER 191

Relative to Coastal Cleanup Day.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 21, 2015.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 101, Brough. Coastal Cleanup Day.

This measure would encourage citizens, businesses, groups, organizations, and public institutions to observe and participate in coastal protection activities, and proclaim September 19, 2015, as the 31st annual Coastal Cleanup Day.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The State of California has 1,100 miles of coastline, including many sandy beaches, rocky shores, bluffs, estuaries, marshes, tidal flats, urban areas, and harbors; and

WHEREAS, The natural resources of the coastal zone are among California's most important economic and environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, The marine environment is one of the most valuable resources for recreation, tourism, fishing, and other coastal industries; and

WHEREAS, The State of California is strongly committed to thoughtful management of the state's coastline to ensure that the environmental and economic value of the coastal zone will be sustained; and

WHEREAS, Preserving the productivity and quality of coastal resources requires public awareness, support, and an understanding that protection of the coast is a responsibility shared by individual citizens, the business community, and public institutions; and

WHEREAS, The California Coastal Commission has been the primary sponsor of Coastal Cleanup Day since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest annual volunteer event in the state, with over 60 coordinating organizations and 70,000 volunteers participating; and

WHEREAS, Over 1.3 million Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers have collected over 21,000,000 pounds (10,500 tons) of trash from California's beaches, shoreline, creeks, estuaries, and the ocean floor over the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, The 31st annual Coastal Cleanup Day will be held on September 19, 2015; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the 3rd Saturday in September as Coastal Cleanup Day and encourages individual citizens, businesses, groups, organizations, and public institutions to observe Coastal Cleanup Day this year and every year, and to participate in appropriate activities designed to promote a healthy and productive coastal environment for the benefit of the people of California and the nation, and hereby proclaims September 19, 2015, as the 31st annual Coastal Cleanup Day in California; and be it further

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