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**ACR-12 Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12**

**CHAPTER 33**

Relative to civil grand juries.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 12, Gallagher. Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2017 to be Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in California, would recognize those who volunteer to serve on civil grand juries, and would encourage all Californians to learn about the role of civil grand juries in our government.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, California's grand jury system is a component of our state's government, comprised of citizens selected by the superior courts serving in each of the state's 58 counties; and

WHEREAS, A number of California counties have grand juries that perform only civil functions; and

WHEREAS, Civil grand juries perform the vital functions of overseeing our local government, reporting on local government operations, and investigating public corruption and misconduct; and

WHEREAS, Our civil grand juries, which exist through the dedication of the people, help to ensure that our local governments are maintaining the highest legal and ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, The hard work done by our civil grand juries has had great impact throughout our communities and has helped to make California a better place; and

WHEREAS, These accomplishments have only been possible through the outstanding dedication and tenacity of those who volunteer to serve as grand jurors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the month of March 2017 to be Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes those who volunteer for service on a civil grand jury, encourages all Californians to learn about the great role of the civil grand jury in our system of government, and applauds those who have made the civil grand jury a successful institution; and be it further

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