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SCR-35 Infrastructure Week. (2017-2018)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35

CHAPTER 44

Relative to Infrastructure Week.

[Filed with Secretary of State May 10, 2017.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 35, Beall. Infrastructure Week.

This measure would recognize the week of May 15, 2017, to May 19, 2017, inclusive, as Infrastructure Week, and would urge the citizens of California to join in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The week of May 15, 2017, to May 19, 2017, inclusive, is being observed at the state and national levels as Infrastructure Week; and

WHEREAS, The people of California rely on critical infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, railroads and transit systems, ports and airports, pipes and water systems, reliable power supply, passive and active open space, and access to broadband; and

WHEREAS, This infrastructure enhances our local and regional economy, our quality and enjoyment of life, our safety, and the strength of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Decades of underfunding and deferred maintenance have pushed infrastructure across the state to the brink of crisis, with preventable catastrophic failures occurring in some communities; and

WHEREAS, The poor condition of California risks losing its competitive advantage by failing to adequately invest in its infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, California's infrastructure and transportation systems are more than a drag on the economy, it can be harmful to our health and safety, even though tragedies resulting from infrastructure failures are most often preventable with adequate investment; and

WHEREAS, Every dollar invested in infrastructure generates nearly \$2 in economic output; and

WHEREAS, To grow our economy, keep people safe, strengthen our communities, and preserve and protect our green infrastructure and environment, we need all levels of government and the private sector to work together to rebuild and repair all of our infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week 2017 has been established to highlight infrastructure investment needs in communities throughout California, and to recognize and encourage leadership at the federal, state, and local levels to address our pressing

infrastructure challenges; and

WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week challenges policymakers and the public to address head-on the challenges facing green and traditional infrastructure, to move beyond short-term fixes and deferred maintenance, and to envision the innovative solutions, technologies, policies, and investments that will improve our infrastructure today and in the future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the week of May 15, 2017, to May 19, 2017, as Infrastructure Week, and urges the citizens of California to join in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations; and be it further

Resolved, That despite fiscal challenges, it is important for the Legislature to dedicate sufficient resources to transportation, infrastructure, and green investments in our community; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.