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**SCR-149 Green Port Month.** (2017-2018)

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**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 149**

**CHAPTER 230**

Relative to Green Port Month.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SCR 149, Hueso. Green Port Month.

This bill would recognize September 2018 as Green Port Month.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The San Diego Unified Port District (District) was formed in 1962 to serve as a steward for San Diego Bay, managing its valuable assets; and

WHEREAS, Today, San Diego Bay is thriving with natural resources that support San Diego's regional economy and enviable quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Achieving a balance among the many uses of San Diego Bay requires a balanced, long-term, comprehensive approach to environmental management; and

WHEREAS, The District champions the safekeeping and environmental care of San Diego's dynamic waterfront; and

WHEREAS, The District is a leader in protecting San Diego's water, air, and land, and the creatures within them, to ensure that the complete ecosystem of San Diego Bay remains a vital, natural resource for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, The delicate balance of a healthy San Diego Bay ecosystem is sustained through a network of port programs and initiatives that include environmental protection and conservation, energy, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, The District's Green Port Program is an umbrella program designed to achieve the District's environmental goals in key areas, including energy, environmental conservation, environmental protection, planning, aquaculture, blue technology, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The ultimate goal of the District's Green Port Program is to achieve long-term environmental, societal, and economic benefits through resource conservation, waste reduction, and pollution prevention; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District originally authorized a proclamation to annually recognize September as Green Port Month in 2008; and

WHEREAS, A primary objective of Green Port Month is to build awareness about the District's environmental initiatives, and to encourage employees, tenants, and users to manage resources in an environmentally sensitive and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, The District supports a robust fishing industry as an important component of the sustainable, ecosystem-based stewardship of San Diego Bay and worked with the San Diego commercial fishermen to establish a local fishermen's dockside market where residents can purchase fresh, wild-caught, sustainable seafood; and

WHEREAS, The District's Green Port Program has evolved to include a broad spectrum of traditional environmental management, including long-range planning, conservation, environmental protection, and natural resources management, and to include new resource areas such as climate action planning, sustainability, energy management, and aquaculture and blue technology; and

WHEREAS, The District promotes a healthy San Diego Bay through improvements to water, sediment, and ecosystem quality; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Port Commissioners adopted a climate action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, The District facilitates sustainable development and redevelopment opportunities for District and tenant projects creating a holistic and comprehensive port master plan; and

WHEREAS, The District advocates for cost-effective and efficient cleanup of legacy pollution; and

WHEREAS, The District has initiated an aquaculture program to contribute, support, and harvest sustainable, local, and regionally produced seafood; and

WHEREAS, The District is committed to advancing a blue economy incubator to start up new, water-dependent business endeavors that enhance fisheries, restore the ecosystem, and improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, The District embraces a smart port that utilizes new and emerging technologies to reduce the District's environmental impact, lowers the District's operational costs, and enhances the District's waterfront experience for the public; and

WHEREAS, The District fosters environmentally responsible behavior among its staff, tenants, and the public through environmental education and outreach programs that promote pollution prevention and sustainability of the environment; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, the District was awarded a Climate Leadership Award for Organizational Leadership by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the District was awarded a Green California Leadership Award for its Green Port Program by the Green California Summit, and a National Planning Achievement Award for its Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan by the American Planning Association; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the District was awarded a Climate Leadership Award for Innovative Partnerships by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the District was awarded a Best Workplaces for Commuters Award by the Center for Urban Transportation Research, the iCommute Diamond Award in the Platinum Tier by the San Diego Association of Governments, and the Outstanding Environmental Analysis Document Award by the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, the District was awarded a Green and Sustainable Award for its B Street Pier and Cruise Ship Terminal photovoltaic system installation by the American Public Works Association, an Environmental Excellence Award for Public Involvement by the National Association of Environmental Professionals, a Green Fleet Leadership Award for the reduction of petroleum use by the San Diego Regional Clean Cities Coalition, and a Stakeholder Education, Awareness and Involvement Honorable Mention for its Green Business Network by the American Association of Port Authorities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims September 2018 to be Green Port Month, and adopts this resolution in testimony thereto; and be it further

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