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ACR-65 California's Day of Dance. (2019-2020)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 65

CHAPTER 93

Relative to California's Day of Dance.

[Filed with Secretary of State June 25, 2019.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 65, Weber. California's Day of Dance.

This measure would designate the second Saturday in April, each year, to be California's Day of Dance, a day to celebrate and support California's commitment to dance and dance education, to acknowledge the important contribution dance makes to mental and physical health, and to encourage many forms of dance expression, as specified.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The first California Day of Dance was held on the California State Capitol Steps in 2016 and was created to encourage the celebration of dance in all its expressions across the state; and

WHEREAS, California's Day of Dance has captured the imagination of people throughout the state and has helped popularize dance as an art form, as a form of healing, as a form of exercise, and as a way of building stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, Cities across California have been encouraged to celebrate California's Day of Dance with events; and

WHEREAS, California's Day of Dance encourages many forms of dance expression, representing our state's rich artistic, regional, ethnic, and racial diversity; and

WHEREAS, California's Day of Dance features the full spectrum of dance, from classical to hip hop to a vast selection of cultural dances and partner dances; and

WHEREAS, Dance helps improve emotional health and heart health, burn calories, strengthen muscles, and improve flexibility for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Educational officials have repeatedly documented that dance, when added to the academic day, inspires a reduction in classroom behavioral challenges, absences, as well as bullying among K–12 youth of all backgrounds and ages throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dance, in all its variations, is a popular form of physical exercise; and

WHEREAS, In advance of California's Day of Dance, Californians will be encouraged to visit local dance studios, colleges, and pop-ups at nontraditional dance spaces where dance leaders may teach a variety of dance styles, free of charge; and

WHEREAS, A celebration of dance in the form of a dance concert will be hosted in Sacramento, California, on Saturday, July 27, 2019, showcasing performances by dancers from all over California in honor of California's Day of Dance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the second Saturday in April, each year, to be California's Day of Dance, a day to celebrate and support California's commitment to dance and dance education; and be it further

Resolved, That the designation of California's Day of Dance acknowledges that dance makes important contributions to mental and physical health by encouraging physical fitness and reducing obesity, creative expression, family, and community; and be it further

Resolved, That the designation of California's Day of Dance shall serve to encourage many forms of dance expression, representing California's rich artistic, regional, ethnic, and racial diversity; and be it further

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