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**SR-39** (2019-2020)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019–2020 REGULAR SESSION

## SENATE RESOLUTION

**NO. 39**

Introduced by Senator Jackson

May 02, 2019

Relative to Older Americans Month.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 39, Jackson.

WHEREAS, California is home to a growing number of older adults who enrich our communities through their diverse life experiences; and

WHEREAS, The Public Policy Institute of California estimates that California's older adult population will nearly double by 2030, an increase of 4 million people over 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, More and more older adults are making a positive impact in California as volunteers, employers, employees, educators, mentors, advocates, and more, offering insight and experience that benefit the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, California is committed to strengthening its communities by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers, and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all Californians; and

WHEREAS, California can enhance the lives of older adults in our communities by promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living, involving older adults in community events and other activities, and providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Every year in May, Older Americans Month recognizes the contributions of older adults across the nation; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford first proclaimed Older Americans Month in 1976; and

WHEREAS, This year's Older Americans Month theme is "Connect, Create, Contribute," encouraging older adults to connect with family, friends, and local services and resources, create through activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment, and contribute time, talent, and life experiences to benefit others; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month also serves to raise awareness concerning elder abuse and neglect; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate declares May 2019 as Older Americans Month to increase public awareness of the many contributions and positive impacts of older adults in the State of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Director of the California Department of Aging, the California State Library, the State Archives, and the author for appropriate distribution.