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ACR-30 COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30

CHAPTER 13

Relative to COVID-19 Victims and Survivors.

[Filed with Secretary of State April 07, 2021.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 30, Medina. COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

This measure would recognize the first Monday in March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day. The measure would also urge local residents to continue taking preventative measures and to follow public health orders to mitigate the spread of this virus.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The first Monday of March has been recognized as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic and having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, observance of public health orders to social distance and stay at home have created challenges for small businesses, workers, and schools that are working to comply with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, School districts, teachers, students, and parents are grappling with the challenges of distance learning and working to prevent any potential learning loss due to students not learning in person; and

WHEREAS, Local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

WHEREAS, In response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and communities of color, exacerbating the inequities already prevalent in our systems, and has further exposed how racism and classism are America's most dangerous preexisting conditions; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and

WHEREAS, More than 2.33 million people worldwide and 465,000 people in the United States have lost their lives due to COVID-19, and, in California alone, more than 44,000 lives have been lost to this deadly virus; and

WHEREAS, Each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home, help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the first Monday in March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day, in remembrance of those marked by COVID-19 and those who have lost their lives, and in honor of those who continue to suffer from the impact of this virus; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges local residents to continue taking preventative measures such as social distancing and following public health orders to mitigate spread of this virus, in tribute to essential workers and those who rose in service to protect the public; and be it further

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