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ACR-39 Older Californians Month. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39

CHAPTER 90

Relative to Older Californians Month.

[Filed with Secretary of State June 09, 2023.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 39, Bains. Older Californians Month.

This bill would recognize the month of May 2023 as Older Californians Month and would encourage Californians of all ages to recognize and treat all older adults with compassion and respect, and to participate in services and activities that contribute to the health and well-being of older adults.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Older adults reflect the history, strength, potential, and wisdom of the Golden State; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Aging, the California Commission on Aging, and the California Senior Legislature have worked for decades to elevate and prioritize policies advancing topics such as equity, affordability, health, housing, transportation, workforce, community engagement, volunteerism, employment, and services that support and promote independence; and

WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge the invaluable contributions older adults have made, and continue to make, in our communities to foster inclusivity, belonging, diversity, and cultural competency; and

WHEREAS, Elder and disability justice assures the right to equitable treatment of older adults and people with disabilities in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, Older adults are the fastest growing population in California. Thousands of Californians turn 65 years of age each day and the number of Californians older than 60 years of age is due to increase from 9.45 million individuals to over 11 million individuals – roughly one in four Californians – by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, The next generation of older Californians will be significantly more diverse, will live longer, and will contribute in untold new ways to making our state a more vibrant place; and

WHEREAS, Diverse Californians will make up over one-half of California's older adult population by the year 2035, with the Latinx and Asian-Pacific Islander communities making up the fastest growing racial and ethnic older adult populations; and

WHEREAS, Women make up the majority of both California's older adults and family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, The State of California is prioritizing its older adults with the Governor's Master Plan for Aging issued via Executive Order No. N-14-19 that aims to create streamlined access to care, a well-trained and culturally competent workforce, and a

commitment to ensuring older adults may age in their communities with dignity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California recognizes the month of May 2023 as Older Californians Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages Californians of all ages to recognize and treat all older adults with compassion and respect, and to participate in services and activities that contribute to the health and well-being of older adults and be it further

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