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ACR-115 Disc golf. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115

CHAPTER 15

Relative to disc golf.

[Filed with Secretary of State March 04, 2024.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 115, Waldron. Disc golf.

This measure would recognize the month of August 2023 as Disc Golf Month, and August 5, 2023, as California Disc Golf Day.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, In the 1920s, the earliest known games of disc golf were played by children at Bladworth Elementary School in Saskatchewan, Canada; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, George Sappenfield was attending California State University, Fresno, and working as a recreation counselor with a new idea of playing golf with Frisbees; and

WHEREAS, On August 2, 1974, the American Flying Disc Open was launched and a group of avid golfers turned the City of Rochester Disc Golf Championship into a national tournament. They offered a prize for the winner to gain the attention of the Frisbee community; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, the first official disc golf course was installed by American toy inventor Ed Headrick at Oak Grove Park in the City of Pasadena, California, where the targets are simply permanent poles; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, the success of disc golf at the World Frisbee Championships suggested that this sport was the next big thing, and Ed Headrick created the Disc Golf Association (DGA). Even today, it functions as a leader in the sport; and

WHEREAS, This sport is so popular and rapidly growing that there are 11,300 courses globally, with 75 percent of all disc golf courses being in the United States, and over 400 courses in California; and

WHEREAS, The sport of disc golf is great for people of all socioeconomic classes, age groups, and demographics, provides a way to exercise and spend time outdoors, and provides a wide range of mental health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Disc golf is a way to set attainable goals and work to achieve them, and to be part of a community of all ages and all abilities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the month of August 2023 as Disc Golf Month, and August 5, 2023, as California Disc Golf Day, recognizing the teamwork, physical, mental, and emotional well-being the sport provides; and be it further

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