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ACR-184 Older Americans Month. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 184

CHAPTER 74

Relative to Older Americans Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 184, Bains. Older Americans Month.

This measure would recognize the month of May 2024 as Older Americans Month.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, California's spirit embraces new longevity and honors all aspects of aging. We celebrate our progress in building a state that fully includes and supports older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, We continue to face the most challenging issues of ageism and ableism, inequities across race and gender, loneliness, homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity head on; and

WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge the ideal of a "California for All" that is inclusive of age, ability, race, ethnicity, language, culture, religion, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation, income, and geography; and

WHEREAS, Older adults are the fastest growing population in California, where by 2030, one in four Californians will be 60 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, People of color will make up over one-half of California's older adult population by the year 2035, with the Latino and Asian-Pacific Islander community making up the fastest growing racial and ethnic older adult population; and

WHEREAS, Women make up the majority of California's older and caregiver population; and

WHEREAS, The State of California, through its Master Plan for Aging, is prioritizing its older adults by elevating policies and programs that reflect the shared priorities of Californians. In 2023, these priorities included home and community care essential to our economy and our families, climate and disaster readiness, especially in the most at-risk communities, and behavioral health system modernization through the inclusion of more geriatric care, health care access and affordability for all, more dementia prevention, screening, and care, and more affordable and accessible housing, transportation, broadband internet access, and communities statewide; 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 2024 as Older Americans Month, and the theme "Powered by Connection," which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to renew our shared commitment to a California for all ages and abilities, where we all can grow older with purpose, belonging, and peace of mind; and be it further

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