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## SCR-149 California Recommerce Day. (2023-2024)

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### Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 149

#### CHAPTER 123

Relative to California Recommerce Day.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 149, Cortese. California Recommerce Day.

This measure would proclaim May 21, 2024, as California Recommerce Day.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The buying, selling, and trading of pre-owned goods, also known as the practice of recommerce, has become an integral part of our modern economy, providing numerous benefits to consumers and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Recommerce plays a significant role in waste reduction, cutting down 73,000 metric tons of waste and 1,600,000 metric tons of carbon emissions in 2022, thus extending the lifespan of products and mitigating the environmental impact associated with manufacturing new goods; and

WHEREAS, The circular economy, promoted through recommerce, emphasizes the reuse and recycling of products, fostering sustainability and resource efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Recommerce offers consumers affordable alternatives to purchasing new items, allowing for access to quality products at reduced prices, promoting economic equity and financial savings; and

WHEREAS, Ninety percent of buyers surveyed reported purchasing pre-owned goods from online platforms and small businesses across various sectors including fashion, electronics, furniture, and more; and

WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the importance of supporting sustainable practices and initiatives that benefit both its residents and the environment, thereby aligning with the principles of recommerce; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares May 21, 2024, as California Recommerce Day to raise awareness about the significance of recommerce in connecting people and communities, promoting economic opportunity, and advancing the circular economy; and be it further

Resolved, That all Californians are encourages to participate in and support activities and events that celebrate recommerce, including, but not limited to, purchasing pre-owned goods, donating items for reuse, and advocating for policies that promote sustainability and resource conservation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, and to each Member of the Legislature.