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SCR-156 International Day of Play in California. (2023-2024)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 156

CHAPTER 148

Relative to International Day of Play in California.

[Approved by Governor July 03, 2024. Filed with Secretary of State July 03, 2024.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 156, Allen. International Day of Play in California.

This measure would proclaim June 11, 2024 as International Day of Play in California.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Play is an essential aspect of childhood development. When children play they develop essential life skills, which are fundamental to their own and society's progress; and

WHEREAS, Play encourages creativity, imagination, and social skills, teaching children to explore and wonder, connect ideas and experiences, and gain a deeper understanding of the world. The creative economy is an indispensable pillar of California's identity, growth, and development, helping inspire, leverage, and amplify innovation across the state; and

WHEREAS, Play and recreation are essential to the health and well-being of children. Play builds essential and transferable physical, social, cognitive, communicational, and emotional life skills at all ages, and has a positive impact on promoting tolerance and resilience and facilitating social inclusion and conflict prevention; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that play is one of the most effective ways to support children's emotional and psychological well-being, as it allows them to process adverse experiences, express themselves, and build social connections; and

WHEREAS, Research has also shown that play is also the brain's favorite way to learn. Play fosters collaboration, problem solving, and makes learning fun and engaging, improving learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy; and

WHEREAS, The State of California in 2023 already recognized that sport, play, and movement are essential for positive youth development; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations adopted Resolution 78/268 in March, 2024, proclaiming June 11 as International Day of Play, to be observed annually, and June 11, 2024, is the first such designated observance, celebrating the universal value of play in enhancing the well-being of children and communities globally; and

WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the importance of promoting play as a fundamental right of all children worldwide; and

WHEREAS, California-headquartered toy companies have been at the forefront of creating innovative play experiences that enrich the lives of children throughout the state, empowering generations to explore the wonder of childhood and reach their full potential; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature, recognizing the significance of play in the lives of children, hereby proclaims June 11, 2024, as International Day of Play in California, and encourages communities and stakeholders across the state on June 11 and throughout the month to further raise awareness of the importance of play and promote and celebrate playfulness, creativity, and fun; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature commends California-based companies for their dedication to creating play experiences that bring joy and enrichment to children's lives and expresses gratitude for their contributions to the well-being of California's youth; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.