

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 25

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18—Relative to California Fitness Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 18, Torlakson. California Fitness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2007, as California Fitness Month, and would encourage all Californians to enrich their lives through proper diet and exercise.

WHEREAS, Exercise and fitness activities can increase self-esteem, boost energy, strengthen the heart and muscles, burn calories, and improve cholesterol levels; and

WHEREAS, Exercise and fitness activities are excellent ways to relieve stress, lower the risk of heart disease and diabetes, prevent bone loss, and decrease the risk of some cancers; and

WHEREAS, A person's fitness level has a dramatic effect on the body's ability to produce energy and to reduce fat; and

WHEREAS, A fit person burns a higher percentage of fat not only during activity, but also at rest, fit people have a higher proportion of muscle tissue, which burns more calories than fat, and those with more muscle mass can eat more calories and still maintain a healthy weight; and

WHEREAS, To lose weight and keep it off, one should do an enjoyable, moderate-intensity aerobic activity for 30 to 60 minutes, three to five times a week; and

WHEREAS, A person should also do muscle-strengthening exercises two or three times a week, and should concentrate on maintaining a balanced diet; and

WHEREAS, Most popular diet programs cannot produce long-lasting weight reduction results without exercise; and

WHEREAS, There is no age limit for physical activity. Among the elderly, exercise provides cardiovascular, respiratory, neuromuscular, metabolic, and mental health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Fitness activities have been shown to sharpen mental ability in all people, and to retard the aging process; and

WHEREAS, Maximizing one's energy level, increasing muscle mass, and reducing body fat increases one's chances of living a longer, healthier life; and

WHEREAS, More than 60 percent of American adults do not get the recommended amount of physical activity, and 25 percent of American adults are not active; and

WHEREAS, Nearly all American youths from 12 to 21 years of age are not vigorously active on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, The rate of type II diabetes tripled among American children from 2000 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, The United States Surgeon General recently spoke about the “cultural transformation” necessary to reverse the detrimental effects of childhood obesity, and the threat to national security that obesity poses for the country; and

WHEREAS, The State Department of Education reports that a majority of California’s children are not physically fit; and

WHEREAS, Along with California Fitness Month, the American Heart Association has launched a campaign called “Start!” to encourage individuals and employers to create healthy lifestyles through healthy eating and exercise; and

WHEREAS, Health care providers, insurance companies, fitness clubs, and others in the private sector will be collaborating to promote fit living and health improvement activities during May 2007; and

WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists declares May 2007 National Bike Month, and the California Bicycle Coalition and other organizations are coordinating public awareness events to promote Bike-to-Work Week, which takes place from May 14 to May 18, 2007, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to advance the physical fitness of all Californians by educating them about the benefits of exercise and a balanced diet; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature will increase public awareness about the benefits of exercise and physical fitness by encouraging its Members to host events in their districts that stimulate physical fitness and increase participation by Californians in activities that promote physical health and benefit both mental and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature encourages its Members, as well as organizations, businesses, and individuals, to sponsor and attend physical fitness events that are informative, fun, and result in a number of Californians becoming physically fit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the month of May 2007 as California Fitness Month, and encourages all Californians to enrich their lives through proper diet and exercise; and be it further

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