

Introduced by Senator Yee

April 29, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to California Microenterprise Development Month.

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SCR 41, as introduced, Yee. California Microenterprise Development Month.

This measure would designate July 2009 and July of every year thereafter, as Microenterprise Development Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Microenterprises, small businesses with fewer than
2 five employees, comprise over 19 percent of California's
3 employment, providing jobs for 3,305,272 people; and
4 WHEREAS, Microenterprises produce jobs through all economic
5 cycles, accounting for 77 percent of all new employment growth
6 in the state from 2000 to 2003, inclusive, while larger employers
7 lost 444,000 jobs; and
8 WHEREAS, Women entrepreneurs make up 78 percent of those
9 benefiting from microenterprise development; and
10 WHEREAS, California recognizes that microenterprises stabilize
11 the economies of California communities by providing local
12 ownership and homegrown products and services; and
13 WHEREAS, California recognizes that training in
14 microenterprise propels people out of poverty and into economic
15 growth; and
16 WHEREAS, California recognizes the contributions of
17 microentrepreneurs, who come from diverse cultures and

1 backgrounds to live the American dream of owning their own
2 businesses; and

3 WHEREAS, California treasures the social, economic, and
4 environmental contributions of its microentrepreneurs; and

5 WHEREAS, California recognizes the importance of
6 development, training, business counseling, and accessible credit
7 to the success of microentrepreneurs; and

8 WHEREAS, The California Association for Microenterprise
9 Opportunity (CAMEO) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization
10 founded in 1993 to build California's capacity for microenterprise
11 development; and

12 WHEREAS, Microenterprise development is an essential
13 component of every community hoping to inspire and promote
14 entrepreneurship; and

15 WHEREAS, California communities can stimulate the growth
16 and successful entrepreneurship by fostering microenterprise
17 development and by working together to promote outreach,
18 advocacy, and education encouraging the growth of microenterprise
19 and microentrepreneurship opportunities for Californians; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates July 2009, and
23 July of every year thereafter, as Microenterprise Development
24 Month; and be it further

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