

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 68

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 68, as introduced, Morrissey. Mexican independence.

This measure would call on all the people of California to join the people of Mexico and Californians of Mexican heritage in celebrating Mexican independence on the anniversary of the popular uprising of September 16, 1810.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For centuries the people of Mexico
2 suffered under the political and economic oppression of
3 the government of Spain; and
4 WHEREAS, The resistance of the people to Spanish
5 rule flourished during the late 18th century and
6 culminated in plans to create an independent Mexico,
7 free of foreign domination; and
8 WHEREAS, On the 16th of September, 1810, a popular
9 uprising was launched when a leader of the freedom
10 fighters, Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, the priest of the

1 town of Dolores, proclaimed to his congregation: “Long
2 live independence! Death to bad government!”; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Miguel’s proclamation marked the
4 beginning of the Mexican people’s long struggle for
5 independence from the tyranny of a distant monarchy;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Nearly 11 years later, New Spain won its
8 independence from Old Spain and proclaimed itself the
9 nation of Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, Forty years later, the Mexican people
11 drove a new invader in the form of troops from France
12 from their soil and established, once and for all, their
13 independence from foreign domination; and

14 WHEREAS, The people of Mexico have, through their
15 courage and tenacity, created a proud heritage of
16 independence, often against overwhelming odds; and

17 WHEREAS, The nation of Mexico has emerged as an
18 economically, as well as politically, powerful participant
19 in world affairs; and

20 WHEREAS, Mexico and United States, particularly the
21 State of California, are now forming ever closer ties, both
22 cultural and economic, that benefit both nations; and

23 WHEREAS, More than one in four Californians now
24 trace their roots to Mexico, a number that is expected to
25 grow to nearly 40 percent of the state’s population in the
26 next quarter century; and

27 WHEREAS, People of Mexican heritage have played a
28 major role in the history of California for more than four
29 centuries and now play an increasingly important role in
30 all facets of the state’s economic, cultural, and political
31 life; and

32 WHEREAS, The nation of Mexico and its people have
33 proven to be good neighbors to the United States and the
34 State of California; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
36 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the
37 State of California hereby calls on all the people of
38 California to join the people of Mexico and Californians
39 of Mexican heritage in celebrating the 16th of September



1 with the cry of Don Miguel Hidalgo: “Long live
2 independence! Death to bad government!”

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