

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 23**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to California Museum Month.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

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This measure would proclaim May 2008, as California Museum Month.

WHEREAS, California is home to over 1,300 museums that are located in every county and region throughout the state and serve millions of visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, California museums represent a multitude of learning experiences, including art museums, zoos, aquaria, historical societies, science centers, botanical gardens, children's museums, and cultural centers; and

WHEREAS, California museums help the state meet its obligations in the field of education, with approximately 96 percent serving K–12 schoolchildren through field trips, curriculum, outreach programs, and teacher training; and

WHEREAS, Over the last decade, California museums have experienced an approximately 25-percent increase in K–12 school field trip attendance and an approximately 31-percent increase in the variety of public activities the museums offer; and

WHEREAS, Two-thirds of California museums partner with schools and school districts to provide valuable and relevant educational programs that serve their local students and enhance instruction provided by the public sector; and

WHEREAS, California museums, through exhibitions and programs, provide access to educational opportunities, exciting and hands-on learning experiences, information, and the cultural and natural heritage that defines us as a state; and

WHEREAS, California museums foster dialogue, utilize critical thinking skills, and support exploration to advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of history, science, the arts, and the natural world; and

WHEREAS, California museums provide a spark that inspires the future generations of scientists, artists, politicians, historians, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Americans view museums as one of the most trustworthy sources of objective information, and, after their families, the most significant means of creating a strong connection to the past; and

WHEREAS, The California Association of Museums has served to bring important recognition to this commemorative month and invites all museums, museum service organizations, California residents, and local governments to use this milestone to recognize and celebrate the essential role California museums play as educational institutions serving communities, the nation, and the world; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the essential role that museums have in the State of California as educational institutions and proclaims May 2008, as California Museum Month; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.