

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 132

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 55

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 132—Relative to National Missing Children’s Day.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 132, Smyth. National Missing Children’s Day.

This measure would declare May 25, 2008, as National Missing Children’s Day.

WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Justice, every year in America there are an estimated 800,000 children reported missing; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 200,000 children each year are abducted by family members and 58,000 are abducted by nonfamily members with a sexual motive; and

WHEREAS, On average, an estimated 2,200 children are reported to law enforcement as missing each day; and

WHEREAS, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, help find missing children, and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them; and

WHEREAS, The NCMEC’s recovery rate of domestically missing children has grown from 62 percent in 1990 to 96 percent in 2007, but too many children remain among the missing; and

WHEREAS, This special day is a time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature, in partnership with the NCMEC and its collaborative organizations, declare May 25, 2008, to be National Missing Children’s Day; and be it further

*Resolved,* That as part of California’s continuing efforts to prevent the abduction and sexual exploitation of children, all Californians are encouraged to take 25 minutes to help children stay safer; and be it further

*Resolved,* That California urges the participation of local government, law enforcement, schools, community organizations, and families to educate all people about child abduction and sexual exploitation, appropriate protective measures, and ways to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and the NCMEC; and be it further

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

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