

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 119**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 21**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 119—Relative to the Year of the California Museum.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 119, Laird. Year of the California Museum.

This measure would proclaim 2006 as the Year of the California Museum.

WHEREAS, California is home to over 1,300 museums that are located in every county and region throughout the state and that serve over 26 million visitors annually; and

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

WHEREAS, California museums encourage curiosity and provide a source of enjoyment and education for every generation and every community across the state and enhance those provided by the public sector; and

WHEREAS, California museums nourish minds and spirits by fostering contemplation, exploration, critical thinking, and dialogue to advance knowledge, understanding and appreciation of history, science, the arts, and the natural world; and

WHEREAS, California museums present exhibitions and programs created through research and scholarship for California residents and visitors to the state to explore new ideas, exchange stories, and discover collections and objects from our culture and natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, California museums strengthen and enrich the lives of people by inspiring lifelong learning, serving as repositories and stewards for the state's unique histories, culture, achievements, and values; and

WHEREAS, California museums forge relationships with community partners such as schools, libraries, public broadcasting, and neighborhood and social service organizations to foster civic participation and cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, California museums contribute significantly to the livability and economic vitality of the state and its communities and attract tourists and local visitors, all of whom create a demand for services; and

WHEREAS, California museums are accessible to all residents with one-half of the state's museums providing free admission to adults and others offering free admission days; and

WHEREAS, 2006 marks the nationwide commemoration of the Year of the Museum; and

WHEREAS, The California Association of Museums has served to bring important recognition of this commemorative year and invites all museums, museum service organizations, California residents, and local governments to use this milestone to recognize and celebrate the contributions of California museums as they serve 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 important role that museums have in the State of California and proclaims 2006 as the Year of the California Museum; and be it further

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