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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 15

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

(Principal coauthors: Senators Evans and Wolk)

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February 12, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to wineries.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 15, as amended, Chesbro. Wineries: leadership.

This measure would proclaim April 2013 as the “California Wines: Down to Earth” month, to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California wineries and winegrape growers.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Sustainability is a vital part of the long-term future
2 of California wine, which contributes an estimated \$61.5 billion
3 in annual economic impact to California’s economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Wine Institute and the California Association of
5 *Winegrape* Growers created the California Code of
6 Sustainable Winegrowing workbook more than a decade ago, with
7 the third edition released in January 2013, and it has since been
8 used by vineyards and wineries representing three quarters of
9 California’s wine grape acreage and production to self-assess
10 operations; and

11 WHEREAS, The California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing,
12 now managed by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance,
13 is comprised of more than 200 best practices for vineyards and
14 wineries that benefit the environment, employees, neighbors, and
15 high-quality wine; and

16 WHEREAS, Other state and regional sustainability programs,
17 such as Lodi Rules, Sustainability in Practice (SIP), Napa Green,
18 Fish Friendly Farming, the Green Business Program, and others,
19 all play an important role in the California wine communities’
20 efforts to grow grapes and produce wine in a manner that is
21 environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially
22 equitable; and

23 WHEREAS, Growing participation in organic, biodynamic, and
24 sustainable certification programs further conveys California
25 vintners’ and growers’ adherence to high standards, desire for
26 transparency, and dedication to continuous improvement; and

27 WHEREAS, California’s wine community conserves water,
28 energy, and other natural resources, protects habitat, employee
29 welfare, and air, water, and soil quality, and promotes the use of
30 natural pest management and alternative energy and fuels; and

31 WHEREAS, California’s 3,600 wineries and 4,600 winegrape
32 growers are primarily family businesses, with a long-term
33 commitment to the health and vitality of their communities, and
34 to preserving the land for future generations; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 2013 as
37 the time to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California
38 wineries and winegrape growers with the theme, “California Wines:
39 Down to Earth” month, timed to Earth Day on April 22; and be it
40 further

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