

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 65

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma Arambula
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to the ~~Region of Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom of Morocco: sister-state relationship.~~
Red Ribbon Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 65, as amended, ~~Ma Arambula. Region of Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom of Morocco.~~ *Red Ribbon Week.*

This measure would ~~invite the region of Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom of Morocco, to join California in a sister-state relationship proclaim October 23 through October 31, 2008, as including Red Ribbon Week, and would encourage all Californians to help build drug-free communities and participate in drug prevention activities.~~

Fiscal committee: no.

1 *WHEREAS, Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc. (CADFY),*
2 *a statewide parent-community organization, the office of the*
3 *Governor, the office of the Attorney General, the State Department*
4 *of Alcohol and Drug Programs, the State Department of Education,*
5 *the California Parent Teacher Association, and over 100 other*
6 *statewide agencies, departments, and organizations are*
7 *cosponsoring October 23 through 31, 2008, as the period that*
8 *includes Red Ribbon Week; and*

1 WHEREAS, *The National Family Partnership, Inc. initiated the*
2 *Red Ribbon Campaign after Drug Enforcement Administration*
3 *Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was killed in Mexico by drug*
4 *traffickers in 1985; and*

5 WHEREAS, *Parents, youth, schools, businesses, law*
6 *enforcement, religious institutions, service organizations, senior*
7 *citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and anyone*
8 *concerned about the effects of drugs on our communities will*
9 *demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by*
10 *wearing and displaying red ribbons during this weeklong*
11 *celebration; and*

12 WHEREAS, *The theme of this year’s effort is “Ask me, See me,*
13 *Be me. I’m Drug Free”; and*

14 WHEREAS, *Securing a safe and healthy future for our children*
15 *is directly threatened by drug abuse, and awareness of this problem*
16 *will help individuals in fighting drug abuse; and*

17 WHEREAS, *The objective of Red Ribbon Week 2008 will be to*
18 *promote this view through drug prevention, education, parental*
19 *involvement, and communitywide support; and*

20 WHEREAS, *The Assembly of the State of California has further*
21 *committed its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon*
22 *Week celebration; now, therefore, be it*

23 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
24 CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE THEREOF CONCURRING, *That*
25 *the Legislature hereby proclaims its support for the Red Ribbon*
26 *Week celebration by proclaiming the period of October 23 through*
27 *31, 2008, as including Red Ribbon Week; and be it further*

28 RESOLVED, *That the Legislature encourages all Californians*
29 *to help build drug-free communities and to participate in drug*
30 *prevention activities by making a visible statement that we are*
31 *firmly committed to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles;*
32 *and be it further*

33 RESOLVED, *That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit*
34 *copies of this resolution to the Governor, and to the author for*
35 *appropriate distribution throughout the community.*

36 ~~WHEREAS, The region of Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom~~
37 ~~of Morocco enjoys the benefits of being located along both the~~
38 ~~Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts, which offers unique~~
39 ~~opportunities for attracting foreign investment and economic~~
40 ~~development in areas of agriculture, textiles, fertilizers, food and~~

1 food processing, auto component manufacturing, electronics
2 assembly, and information technology; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of California and the region of
4 Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom of Morocco share many
5 geographical and topographical similarities, including scenic
6 beaches, regal mountains, temperate deserts, and significant rivers;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The region of Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom
9 of Morocco has strong priorities in clean energy, the environment,
10 the film and movie industry, agriculture, and tourism; and

11 WHEREAS, The Kingdom of Morocco is one of California's
12 top 100 foreign markets and in 2005, California exported more
13 than \$630,000 to Morocco in goods including almonds, processed
14 tomatoes, and olives; and

15 WHEREAS, A sister-state relationship between the State of
16 California and the region of Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom
17 of Morocco would facilitate the exchange of economic and cultural
18 ideas, promote mutual international trade and commerce, and
19 increase the potential for commercial relationships between small,
20 medium, and large companies in California and the region of
21 Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom of Morocco; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of California, on behalf
25 of the people of the State of California, extends to the people of
26 the region of Souss-Massa-Draa in the Kingdom of Morocco an
27 invitation to join California as a sister state in order to encourage
28 and facilitate mutually beneficial educational, economic, and
29 cultural exchanges; and be it further

30 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the Department of Food
31 and Agriculture to work with the region of Souss-Massa-Draa in
32 the Kingdom of Morocco to foster a strong, mutually beneficial
33 sister-state relationship; and be it further

34 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the California Travel and
35 Tourism Commission to cultivate and promote cultural exchanges
36 in an effort to increase awareness of the region of
37 Souss-Massa-Draa and the Kingdom of Morocco; and be it further

38 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy
39 of this resolution to the Honorable President of the

- 1 ~~Souss-Massa-Draa Regional Council, Aziz Akhannouch, and to~~
- 2 ~~His Majesty, King Mohammed VI.~~

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