

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 182

Introduced by Assembly Member Baker

February 22, 2018

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 182—Relative to Women in Construction Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 182, as introduced, Baker. Women in Construction Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of March 4, 2018, through March 10, 2018, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 1987, Congress declared March as national
2 Women’s History Month in perpetuity and this year industry has
3 designated the first week of March to celebrate women in
4 construction; and

5 WHEREAS, The focus of Women in Construction Week is to
6 highlight women as a visible component of the construction
7 industry; and

8 WHEREAS, The continuous progress of our economy requires
9 full participation and support of all citizens, regardless of gender,
10 race, or ethnic background; and

11 WHEREAS, The workforce in California is becoming
12 increasingly diversified and for this state’s construction industry
13 to remain competitive in the global economy, it must also diversify
14 its workforce by attracting significantly more women into the
15 industry; and

1 WHEREAS, Women currently occupy only 10% of all
2 apprenticeships and less than 3% of construction trade jobs
3 nationally. As a state we should support policy efforts to achieve
4 at least 20% by 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, The construction industry in California has
6 tremendous need for skilled and motivated workers, managers,
7 and entrepreneurs from all segments of the population; and

8 WHEREAS, The construction industry must strive to educate
9 and inspire parents, educators, and career counselors to encourage
10 California's youth to enter into rewarding career opportunities in
11 construction; and

12 WHEREAS, Rising costs of higher education and evolving
13 employer workforce training needs make apprenticeship an
14 increasingly important career pathway without the burden of
15 student loans; and

16 WHEREAS, Women have historically been excluded from
17 apprenticeship opportunities that lead to meaningful careers with
18 family-supporting wages; and

19 WHEREAS, Apprenticeship is a critical pathway for women to
20 participate fully and equally in California's growing economy;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The development of women-owned business
23 enterprises will benefit all members of the workforce through the
24 creation of meaningful and productive jobs; and

25 WHEREAS, Women entrepreneurs and small business owners
26 operating in the construction industry could benefit greatly from
27 the experiences, technical services, and support established by
28 more women in the workforce; and

29 WHEREAS, The Federation of California Builders Exchanges,
30 the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange Education Foundation
31 and the California Association of Women in Construction, along
32 with other industry partners, agree to encourage women to pursue
33 construction as a career they can build on, to continue to support
34 formal programs that will have a significant impact on the
35 successful integration of women into the construction industry,
36 and to provide women entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to
37 ensure their success in the competitive marketplace; now, therefore,
38 be it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
40 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims March 4, 2018,

1 through March 10, 2018, inclusive, as Women in Construction
2 Week and requests that the Governor issue a proclamation calling
3 on the people of the great State of California to observe the week
4 with appropriate programs and educational activities; and be it
5 further

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

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