

Date of Hearing: May 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 75 (Bigelow) – As Introduced April 25, 2017

SUBJECT: California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month

SUMMARY: Designates the month of May 2017 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month and extends the Legislature's warmest regards and appreciation to the thousands of volunteers, fair directors, staff, business supporters, and sponsors who keep the California fairgrounds' network strong, vibrant, relevant, and successful. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California's 76 fairgrounds serve the entire state, from the County of San Diego to Del Norte, and from the County of Monterey to Mariposa. These fairgrounds attracted over 20 million visitors for fairs and events in 2016.
- 2) California's counties enjoy the year-round economic, recreational, cultural, and social impacts of the fairgrounds.
- 3) California fairgrounds, after years of fire-related emergency use during the drought times, were again pressed into service for flood evacuations, including the Oroville Dam evacuations.
- 4) These 76 fairgrounds continue to serve as the social and economic hub of their respective communities and also provide public facilities for animals, pets, and livestock during good times and bad.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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