
Introduced by Senator Niello

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Senate Resolution No. 41—Relative to Contractor Fraud Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, California has faced historical and catastrophic
2 wildfires and remains in danger of flooding, earthquakes, and other
3 natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious
4 damage or, even worse, total destruction to private property and
5 homes; and

6 WHEREAS, Following disasters, stressed and strained
7 homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest
8 contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and

9 WHEREAS, Predatory practices by contractors ultimately
10 increases costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums
11 and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

12 WHEREAS, It is imperative that an effective public outreach
13 campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes
14 to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such
15 schemes; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages
17 Californians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor
18 credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire
19 rebuilding process. When hiring a contractor, educated and
20 informed consumers are the best prevention against fraud; and

21 WHEREAS, The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in
22 collaboration with its local and state partners in California,
23 including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state
24 officials, is committed to educating Californians about predatory
25 practices by dishonest contractors and offers various educational

1 programs on this topic during the fifth annual Contractor Fraud
2 Awareness Week of May 19, 2025, to May 23, 2025; now,
3 therefore, be it
4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
5 hereby recognizes the week of May 19, 2025, to May 23, 2025,
6 inclusive, as Contractor Fraud Awareness Week throughout the
7 State of California and encourages the citizens of California to
8 become familiar with contractor fraud and to participate in the
9 various programs taking place during the week; and be it further
10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.