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Resolution

of the City Council

Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week September 20-24, 1999

WHEREAS, the United States of America has been the worldwide symbol of individual liberty and a beacon of hope and opportunity for more than two centuries; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution embody these principles and preserve our natural rights, such as freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, trial by jury, and accountable government leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the redress of legitimate grievances should not be delayed due to meritless and superficial litigation which serves only to clog our courts; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of all members of the legal profession and California's elected officials to protect California's consumers, businesses and families by seeking sensible reforms which will discourage the filing of frivolous lawsuits, reduce the exorbitant costs of litigation, restrain the prospects for arbitrary and unjust awards, encourage citizens to participate in the judicial process by serving on a jury when called, and protect legitimate victims against unfair and outrageous contingency fees; and

WHEREAS, an important and enduring part of the movement to restore fairness and purpose to our civil justice systems is the dedicated efforts of Central California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CCCALA); and

WHEREAS, with 4,000 supporters in Central California, CCCALA's mission is to educate the public about the human and financial costs of lawsuit abuse and thereby create a climate for change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim the week of September 21-25, 1998 as *Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week* in Sacramento and encourage its residents to support fundamental reforms to safeguard and improve our civil justice system.

ISSUED: This 21st Day of September 1999.

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VALERIE BURROWES, CITY CLERK

From: Kim Blackwell
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Date: Tue, Sep 21, 1999 10:41 AM
Subject: Reso presentation tonight

FYI - for the Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse reso presentation on tonights calendar, Bill Mason (Secty. of the Board of Directors for Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse) will be in attendance to receive it. Any questions holler! Thanks! K..

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CASES FILED AND DISMISSED

DESCRIPTION	1995	1996	1997	1997-98	1998-99
suits filed	189	162	81	93	109
suits dismissed	30	20	15	43	43
dismissal %	16	13	19	48	47