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## THIRD READING

Bill No:SR 41Author:Niello (R)Introduced:4/28/25Vote:Majority

SUBJECT: Contractor Fraud Awareness Week

**SOURCE:** Author

**DIGEST:** This resolution hereby recognizes the week of May 19, 2025, to May 23, 2025, inclusive, as Contractor Fraud Awareness Week throughout the State of California and encourages the citizens of California to become familiar with contractor fraud and to participate in the various programs taking place during the week.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California has faced historical and catastrophic wildfires and remains in danger of flooding, earthquakes, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage or, even worse, total destruction to private property and homes. Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs.
- 2) It is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes.
- 3) The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Californians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process. When hiring a contractor, educated and informed consumers are the best prevention against fraud.
- 4) The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in California, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, is committed to educating Californians about predatory

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practices by dishonest contractors and offers various educational programs on this topic during the fifth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week of May 19, 2025, to May 23, 2025.

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FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/6/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 5/6/25)

None received

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