

## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

By the Honorable S. Joseph Simitian, 11th Senatorial District; the Honorable Joel Anderson, 36th Senatorial District; the Honorable Ellen Corbett, 10th Senatorial District; the Honorable Noreen Evans, 2nd Senatorial District; the Honorable Alan S. Lowenthal, 27th Senatorial District; and the Honorable Mark Wyland, 38th Senatorial District; Relative to commending the

### **CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF PRIVACY PROTECTION**

WHEREAS, During the month of November 2011, the California Office of Privacy Protection will celebrate its tenth anniversary, and upon this occasion, it is deserving of special public recognition and the highest commendations for its distinguished record of public service and immeasurable contributions to the advancement of the community and State; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Privacy Protection was created in 2001 with the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals' personal information in a manner consistent with the California Constitution by identifying consumer problems in the privacy area and facilitating the development of fair information practices; and

WHEREAS, California brought credit and distinction to itself as the first state to have such an agency, and the Office of Privacy Protection is one of the reasons why our Golden State is ranked number one in the nation for privacy protection by the respected *Privacy Journal*; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Office of Privacy Protection was transferred from the Department of Consumer Affairs to the State and Consumer Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Privacy Protection provides individuals with information, assistance, and a wealth of educational resources on an ever-evolving range of issues from identity theft, financial and medical privacy, children's online safety, mobile device privacy, and online behavioral tracking; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Office of Privacy Protection provides best practices recommendations for businesses on data breach notification, Social Security number confidentiality, privacy policy statements, and other privacy issues, inspiring the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) to honor it with the 2007 HP-IAPP Privacy Innovation Award; and

WHEREAS, Never hesitating to share its vast reservoir of knowledge, the Office of Privacy Protection provides expert advice and consumer perspectives on privacy issues to the Legislature, state agencies, federal government agencies, and other policy-making bodies; and

WHEREAS, In its tenth anniversary year, the California Office of Privacy Protection looks back with pride and forward with hope, recognizing its many accomplishments yet knowing how much more necessary work remains to be done to protect the privacy of Californians in a manner consistent with our State's Constitution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the California Office of Privacy Protection be commended on the celebration of its tenth anniversary and on the vital role it has played in improving the quality of life in the State, and extended best wishes for continued success in the future.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2011.

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