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### **Media Advisory: “Fight the Bite” at California’s State Capitol**

*The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California to hold “Fight the Bite” public education event urging prevention and protection methods against mosquitos and vectors as summer months approach*

**WHO:** The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC)

**WHAT:** The **“Fight the Bite”** event at the State Capitol will seek to increase awareness and provide education regarding mosquitoes and the deadly diseases they transmit. With summer rapidly approaching, Californians must be aware of the serious diseases such as West Nile virus present to their health, as well as be especially mindful of preventive measures they can practice to minimize the threat of mosquito bites and mosquito-transmitted diseases.

“While a lot of attention has been given to Zika virus, West Nile virus killed more Californians in 2015 than any other year before,” said Senator Bob Wieckowski, chair of the Environmental Quality Committee and author of Senate Concurrent Resolution 121. “Properly funded local mosquito abatement programs are vital to protecting public health and saving lives.”

Through Senate Concurrent Resolution 121 (Wieckowski), the California Legislature declared the week of April 17 – 23, 2016 to be “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week” in California, with the goal of raising awareness and educating Californians about the public health threats mosquitoes and vectors can have on our local communities.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** California State Capitol  
West steps (10<sup>th</sup> St.)  
1315 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**VISUALS:** Live mosquitoes and fish  
Mosquito jar  
Repellent display  
Free repellent samples for the public