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Thursday, June 15, 2017  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 3162

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 6/14/2017  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendations for ACA 14, SB 179, SB 663, and SB 794 have been changed. SB 49, SB 649, SCR 58, and SCR 59 have been added to the list of referrals. SB 242 has been removed from the list of referrals.

## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

06/15/2017

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACA 14</u>	JUD.
<u>ACA 14</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>ACR 77</u>	HUM. S.
<u>HR 23</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 43</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 44</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 45</u>	RLS.
<u>SB 3</u>	H. & C.D.
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<u>SB 35</u>	L. GOV.
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<u>SB 49</u>	NAT. RES.
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<u>SB 50</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 50</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 62</u>	J., E.D. & E.
<u>SB 62</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 65</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 68</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>SB 138</u>	ED.
<u>SB 149</u>	E. & R.
<u>SB 162</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 166</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 166</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 167</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 167</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 169</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>SB 169</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 175</u>	AGRI.
<u>SB 175</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 179</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 179</u>	TRANS.
<u>SB 185</u>	TRANS.
<u>SB 185</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 218</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>SB 219</u>	AGING & L.T.C.
<u>SB 219</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 233</u>	HUM. S.
<u>SB 233</u>	ED.
<u>SB 249</u>	W.,P. & W.
<u>SB 254</u>	G.O.

<u>SB 257</u>	ED.
<u>SB 277</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 277</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 298</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 310</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 310</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 311</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 318</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>SB 325</u>	B. & F.
<u>SB 421</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 434</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>SB 448</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 465</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 477</u>	TRANS.
<u>SB 477</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 518</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 520</u>	U. & E.
<u>SB 538</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 540</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 540</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 541</u>	ED.
<u>SB 541</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>SB 559</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 559</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 573</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>SB 573</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 579</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>SB 579</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 587</u>	TRANS.
<u>SB 597</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 605</u>	J., E.D. & E.
<u>SB 613</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 617</u>	INS.
<u>SB 625</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 626</u>	V.A.
<u>SB 634</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 634</u>	W.,P. & W.
<u>SB 641</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 643</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 649</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 649</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 663</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 663</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 684</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 687</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 687</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 693</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 693</u>	W.,P. & W.

<u>SB 694</u>	V.A.
<u>SB 694</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>SB 699</u>	TRANS.
<u>SB 700</u>	U. & E.
<u>SB 701</u>	W.,P. & W.
<u>SB 702</u>	A. & A.R.
<u>SB 724</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 728</u>	P.E.,R. & S.S.
<u>SB 728</u>	V.A.
<u>SB 730</u>	ED.
<u>SB 732</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 732</u>	AGRI.
<u>SB 762</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 765</u>	ED.
<u>SB 769</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>SB 774</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>SB 776</u>	V.A.
<u>SB 776</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 778</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>SB 782</u>	AGRI.
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<u>SB 796</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 797</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 798</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 799</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 801</u>	U. & E.
<u>SB 805</u>	ED.
<u>SB 813</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>SCR 52</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 58</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 59</u>	RLS.
<u>SJR 5</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SJR 6</u>	A. & A.R.

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 100**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Holden**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Burke, Cooper, Gipson,**  
**Jones-Sawyer, McCarty, Ridley-Thomas, Thurmond, and Weber)**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Bradford and Mitchell)**

June 7, 2017

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to Juneteenth.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 100, as introduced, Holden. Juneteenth.

This measure would recognize June 19, 2017, as Juneteenth and would urge the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as “Juneteenth  
2 Independence Day,” “Emancipation Day,” “Emancipation  
3 Celebration,” and “Freedom Day,” is the oldest African American  
4 holiday observance in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the strong survival  
6 instinct of African Americans who were first brought to this  
7 country stacked in the bottom of slave ships in a month-long  
8 journey across the Atlantic Ocean known as the “Middle Passage”;  
9 and

1 WHEREAS, Events in the history of the United States that led  
2 to the start of the Civil War in 1861 centered on sectional  
3 differences between the North and the South that were based on  
4 the economic and social divergence caused by the existence of  
5 slavery; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1862, the first clear signs that the end of slavery  
7 was imminent appeared when laws abolishing slavery were adopted  
8 in the territories of Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, and New  
9 Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, In September 1862, President Lincoln issued the  
11 celebrated Emancipation Proclamation, warning the rebellious  
12 Confederate states that he would declare their slaves “forever free”  
13 if those states did not return to the Union by January 1, 1863; and

14 WHEREAS, Enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation  
15 occurred only in Confederate states that were under Union Army  
16 control; and

17 WHEREAS, On January 31, 1865, Congress passed the  
18 Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution,  
19 abolishing slavery throughout the United States and its territories;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Spontaneous celebration erupted throughout the  
22 country when African Americans learned of their freedom; and

23 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the  
24 date when the last slaves in America were freed when General  
25 Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General  
26 Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln  
27 issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

28 WHEREAS, For former slaves, the Juneteenth celebration was  
29 a time for reassuring each other, praying, and gathering remaining  
30 family members together. Juneteenth continued to be highly  
31 revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and  
32 descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on  
33 this date; and

34 WHEREAS, Juneteenth education and celebrations declined in  
35 America in the early part of the 20th century. But the Civil Rights  
36 Movement of the 1950s and 1960s saw a resurgence of interest in  
37 Juneteenth, along with renewed community celebrations of the  
38 day; and

39 WHEREAS, Observance of Juneteenth, a reminder of  
40 emancipation, spread from Texas to the neighboring states of

1 Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, as well as Alabama, Florida,  
2 and California, where many African American Texans migrated;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The state of Texas is widely considered the first  
5 state to begin Juneteenth celebrations. Informal observances have  
6 taken place there for over a century and it has been an official state  
7 holiday in Texas since 1980. Thirty-nine states, including  
8 California since 2003, and the District of Columbia have  
9 recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or a state holiday  
10 observance; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1994, the era of the “Modern Juneteenth  
12 Movement” began when a group of Juneteenth leaders from across  
13 the country gathered in New Orleans, Louisiana, to work for greater  
14 national recognition of Juneteenth; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, Juneteenth commemorates African  
16 American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement.  
17 It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with  
18 celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is  
19 a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment,  
20 self-improvement, and planning for the future; and

21 WHEREAS, Juneteenth symbolizes freedom, celebrates the  
22 abolishment of slavery, and reminds all Americans of the  
23 significant contributions of African Americans to our society; and

24 WHEREAS, A growing number of American and African  
25 American cultural institutions have sponsored Juneteenth cultural  
26 events designed to make all Americans aware of this celebration;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrations are a tribute to those  
29 African Americans who fought so long and worked so hard to  
30 make the dream of equality a reality; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
33 hereby recognizes June 19, 2017, as Juneteenth; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the people of California to  
35 join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the  
36 significant role that African Americans have played in the history  
37 of the United States and how they have enriched society through  
38 their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality; and  
39 be it further



- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 15, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 100 (Holden) – As Introduced June 7, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Juneteenth

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes June 19, 2017, as Juneteenth and urges the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Juneteenth, also known as “Juneteenth Independence Day,” “Emancipation Day,” “Emancipation Celebration,” and “Freedom Day,” is the oldest African American holiday observance in the United States.
- 2) Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last slaves in America were freed when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 3) For former slaves, the Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, praying, and gathering remaining family members together. Juneteenth continued to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date.
- 4) The observance of Juneteenth, a reminder of emancipation, spread from Texas to the neighboring states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, as well as Alabama, Florida, and California, where many African American Texans migrated. Thirty-nine states, including California in 2003 and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or a state holiday observance.
- 5) Today, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing and is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and planning for the future.
- 6) Juneteenth celebrations are a tribute to those African Americans who fought so long and worked so hard to make the dream of equality a reality.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

## House Resolution

**No. 46**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chávez)**

June 7, 2017

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House Resolution No. 46—Relative to National Scoliosis Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine  
2 that affects about 2 to 3 percent of the population, or an estimated  
3 seven million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition  
4 that strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, It is important to increase the public’s awareness  
7 of scoliosis and to help children, parents, adults, and health care  
8 providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of  
9 spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

10 WHEREAS, An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize  
11 health care annually and one in six children diagnosed with this  
12 condition eventually requires active medical treatment; and

13 WHEREAS, The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between  
14 10 and 15 years of age, with females being five times more likely  
15 to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

16 WHEREAS, Screening programs allow for early detection and  
17 treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst effects of the  
18 condition; and

19 WHEREAS, Respected organizations such as the Scoliosis  
20 Research Society, the National Scoliosis Foundation, and the  
21 California Orthopaedic Association support and promote National  
22 Scoliosis Awareness Month; and

1 WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Awareness Month is observed  
2 across the country to renew the public's commitment to  
3 understanding and combating this disease, and to recognize the  
4 need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and  
5 suffering it causes; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
7 Assembly hereby recognizes the month of June 2017 as National  
8 Scoliosis Awareness Month in California; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
10 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 15, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 46 (Maienschein) – As Introduced June 7, 2017

**SUBJECT:** National Scoliosis Awareness Month

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of June 2017 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects about 2 to 3 percent of the population, or approximately seven million people in the United States. This condition strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status.
- 2) It is estimated that one million scoliosis patients utilize health care annually and one in six children diagnosed with this condition eventually requires active medical treatment.
- 3) The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15 years of age, with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment. Screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst effects of the condition.
- 4) It is important to increase public awareness of scoliosis and to help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis.
- 5) National Scoliosis Awareness Month is observed across the county to renew the public's commitment to understanding and combating this disease and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering caused by this condition.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 30, 2017

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 31**

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**Introduced by Senator Pan**

March 6, 2017

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31—Relative to California Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 31, as amended, Pan. California Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day.

This measure would declare June 6, 2017, as California Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1     WHEREAS, Transverse myelitis is a neurological disorder with  
2     an estimated 1,400 new cases diagnosed in the United States each  
3     year, affecting 2 to 5 persons per million, but transverse myelitis  
4     is not widely recognized by the general public as being a significant  
5     and serious neurological disorder affecting the spinal cord; and  
6     WHEREAS, Transverse myelitis is a devastating condition,  
7     affecting the neurological system by targeting the covering nerve  
8     cell fibers and myelin, and causing the spinal cord to become  
9     inflamed; and  
10    ~~WHEREAS, Several factors may cause transverse myelitis,~~  
11    ~~including certain infections, vaccinations, immune system~~  
12    ~~disorders, or an episode of other myelin disorders such as multiple~~  
13    ~~sclerosis; however, in 60 percent of cases a cause cannot be~~  
14    ~~identified, an idiopathic form of transverse myelitis; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Symptoms of transverse myelitis include severe neurological pain, muscle weakness, abnormal sensations, and numbness of the lower extremities, as well as possible progression to paralysis, sensory loss, and cognitive issues; and~~

*WHEREAS, Symptoms of transverse myelitis include a loss of spinal cord function over several hours or several weeks with what usually begins as a sudden onset of lower back pain, muscle weakness, or abnormal sensations in the toes and feet that can rapidly progress to more severe symptoms including paralysis urinary retention and loss of bowel control; and*

*WHEREAS, Additional symptoms of transverse myelitis include severe neurological pain, muscle weakness, abnormal sensations, and numbness of the lower extremities, as well as possible progression to sensory loss, and cognitive issues; and*

*WHEREAS, Transverse myelitis may occur in isolation or in the setting of another illness, and idiopathic transverse myelitis is assumed to be a result of abnormal and excessive activation of an immune response against the spinal cord that results in inflammation and tissue damage; and*

*WHEREAS, Transverse myelitis often develops in the setting of viral and bacterial infections, especially those which may be associated with a rash (e.g., rubeola, varicella, variola, rubella, influenza, and mumps); and*

*WHEREAS, Experts believe that in many cases infection causes a derangement of the immune system, which leads to an indirect autoimmune attack on the spinal cord, rather than a direct attack by the organism; and*

*WHEREAS, Myelitis related to cancer is uncommon but there are several reports in the medical literature of a severe myelitis occurring in association with a malignancy; and*

*WHEREAS, In addition, there are a growing number of reports of cases of myelopathy associated with cancer in which the immune system produces an antibody to fight off the cancer and this cross-reacts with the molecules in the spinal cord neurons, although it should be emphasized that this is an unusual cause of myelitis; and*

*WHEREAS, Vascular causes are noted because they present with the same problems as transverse myelitis; however, this is really a distinct problem primarily due to inadequate blood flow to the spinal cord instead of actual inflammation; and*



1 WHEREAS, Transverse myelitis is often overlooked; and

2 WHEREAS, Recovery from transverse myelitis may be difficult,  
3 requiring months of treatment, and only one-third of patients  
4 diagnosed with transverse myelitis, through drugs and therapy, are  
5 able to make an almost full recovery, and two-thirds of patients  
6 deal with severe symptoms or even complete paraplegia or  
7 quadriplegia and possibly death caused by complications from  
8 transverse myelitis; and

9 ~~WHEREAS, The Transverse Myelitis Network, with more than~~  
10 ~~1,560 members, and the Transverse Myelitis Folks, with more than~~  
11 ~~2,100 members, are support, information, and resource Internet~~  
12 ~~Web sites which began in October 2008, and membership in each~~  
13 ~~group continues to grow in nearly every state in the United States~~  
14 ~~and in many countries throughout the world; and~~

15 WHEREAS, If this condition were more widely recognized,  
16 diagnosis and further scientific research would benefit those  
17 individuals who live with this condition; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
19 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature declares June 6, 2017, as  
20 California Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day; and be it further

21 *Resolved,* That the Legislature supports legislation and policies  
22 that educate the public and medical community about transverse  
23 myelitis, support adults and children living with transverse myelitis  
24 with increased research and improving treatment and therapies,  
25 and provide assistance and resources for the families and caregivers  
26 of individuals living with transverse myelitis; and be it further

27 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 15, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 31 (Pan) – As Amended May 30, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** California Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day

**SUMMARY:** Declares June 6, 2017, as California Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Transverse myelitis is a neurological disorder affecting the neurological system by targeting the covering nerve cell fibers and myelin, and causing the spinal cord to become inflamed.
- 2) Symptoms of transverse myelitis include a loss of spinal cord function over several hours or several weeks that can rapidly progress to more severe symptoms including paralysis urinary retention and loss of bowel control. Additional symptoms include severe neurological pain, muscle weakness, abnormal sensations, and numbness of the lower extremities, as well as possible progression to sensory loss, and cognitive issues.
- 3) Transverse myelitis is not widely recognized by the general public as being a significant and serious neurological disorder affecting the spinal cord.
- 4) Recovery from transverse myelitis may be difficult, requiring months of treatment, and only one-third of patients diagnosed with transverse myelitis, through drugs and therapy, are able to make an almost full recovery, and two-thirds of patients deal with severe symptoms or even complete paraplegia or quadriplegia and possibly death caused by complications from transverse myelitis.
- 5) Transverse myelitis is often overlooked; and, if this condition were more widely recognized, diagnosis and further scientific research would benefit those individuals who live with this condition.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 10, 2017

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 44**

**Introduced by Senator Pan**

April 25, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 44—Relative to young workers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 44, as amended, Pan. Safe Jobs for Youth Month: Young Worker Bill of Rights.

This measure would ~~express the support of the Legislature for the Governor's designation of~~ *recognize* the month of May as Safe Jobs for Youth Month ~~and would encourage the passage of legislation creating a Young Worker Bill of Rights.~~ *Month.*

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, A productive, competitively skilled, and healthy
- 2 workforce is necessary for the well-being of our society, and a job
- 3 can be a valuable part of a young person's learning and
- 4 development to help achieve both individual and community goals;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, Our youth represent the future of our community,
- 7 and we have an obligation ~~both~~ to create *both* employment
- 8 opportunities where young people can learn skills and habits
- 9 essential for their careers and jobs that are also safe and healthy;
- 10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, Many young people will be heading into part-time
- 12 and summer jobs and may not be aware of the need for work
- 13 permits, of potential hazards on their jobs, or of the labor laws
- 14 designed to protect them in the workplace; and

1 WHEREAS, The California Partnership for Young Worker  
2 Health and Safety, representing educational institutions,  
3 government agencies, safety professionals, parent groups, teachers,  
4 and employers, was created pursuant to Section 6359 of the Labor  
5 Code to promote the importance of young workers' safety at work  
6 among teens, schools, families, and businesses; now, therefore, be  
7 it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
9 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature supports the Governor's*  
10 ~~*designation of May recognizes the month of May as Safe Jobs for*~~  
11 ~~*Youth Month and encourages the passage of legislation creating*~~  
12 ~~*a Young Worker Bill of Rights; Month;*~~ and be it further

13 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*  
14 *this resolution to the Governor, the President pro Tempore of the*  
15 *Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, each Senator and Assembly*  
16 *Member, and to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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Date of Hearing: June 15, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 44 (Pan) – As Amended May 10, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** Safe Jobs for Youth Month: Young Worker Bill of Rights

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of May as Safe Jobs for Youth Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The California Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety, representing educational institutions, government agencies, safety professionals, parent groups, teachers, and employers was created pursuant to Section 6359 of the Labor Code to promote the importance of young workers' safety at work.
- 2) A productive, competitively skilled, and healthy workforce is necessary for the well-being of our society. A job can be a valuable part of a young person's learning and development to help achieve both individual and community goals.
- 3) Many young people will be heading into part-time and summer jobs and may not be aware of the need for work permits, of potential hazards on their jobs, or of the labor laws designed to protect them in the workplace.
- 4) Our youth represent the future of our community and we have an obligation to create both employment opportunities where young people can learn skills and habits essential for their careers and jobs that are also safe and healthy.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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**Introduced by Senator Mendoza**

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Kalra)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula and Gray)

April 27, 2017

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to Portugal Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 47, as introduced, Mendoza. Portugal Day.

This measure would declare June 10, 2017, as Portugal Day to celebrate Portuguese national heritage.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In September 1542, Portuguese explorer João  
2 Rodrigues Cabrillo sailed a ship into San Diego Bay, becoming  
3 the first European to explore the land now known as California.  
4 Cabrillo’s efforts included exploring the California coast, and he  
5 is credited with numerous coastal discoveries; and

6 WHEREAS, Portuguese immigrants began arriving in the United  
7 States in relatively large numbers beginning in 1870, with most  
8 of these immigrants being men from the Azores, who, for the most  
9 part, had been recruited to farm and to work on American whaling  
10 ships; and

11 WHEREAS, Between 1900 and 1940, as much as one-half of  
12 the Portuguese community in California owned or operated a dairy  
13 farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-supporting  
14 industry. Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and  
15 thriftiness, these pioneering Portuguese Americans were renowned  
16 for their work ethic and ingenuity, often reinvesting in their own  
17 businesses by buying more land and dairy cows; and

1 WHEREAS, Among the great Portuguese Americans who have  
2 contributed significantly to this country are: composer John Philip  
3 Sousa, best known for composing “The Stars and Stripes Forever”;  
4 poet Emma Lazarus, best known for her sonnet about the Statue  
5 of Liberty, “The New Colossus”; architect William L. Pereira, best  
6 known for designing the Transamerica Pyramid in San Francisco;  
7 and singer and actress Carmen Miranda. Many Portuguese  
8 Americans have also served with distinction in local, state, and  
9 federal office; and

10 WHEREAS, Portuguese Americans have made valuable and  
11 substantial contributions to every facet of California life, such as  
12 within the thriving agricultural communities of the Santa Clara  
13 and San Joaquin Valleys and through service in local, state, and  
14 federal office. Today over 350,000 Portuguese Americans reside  
15 in California; and

16 WHEREAS, Portuguese national literary icon, Luís Vaz de  
17 Camões wrote Portugal’s national epic poem, *Os Lusíadas*,  
18 celebrating the 15th-century Portuguese explorations that brought  
19 fame and fortune to the country. The poem, considered one of the  
20 finest and most important works in Portuguese literature, became  
21 a symbol for the great feats of the Portuguese Empire; and

22 WHEREAS, *Dia de Portugal, de Camões e das Comunidades*  
23 *Portuguesas*, translated as “Day of Portugal, Camões, and the  
24 Portuguese Communities,” commemorates the death of Luís Vaz  
25 de Camões on June 10, 1580; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares June 10,  
28 2017, as Portugal Day, a day to celebrate Portuguese national  
29 heritage; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
31 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 15, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 47 (Mendoza) – As Introduced April 27, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** Portugal Day

**SUMMARY:** Declares June 10, 2017, as Portugal Day to celebrate Portuguese national heritage. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In September 1542, Portuguese explorer João Rodrigues Cabrillo sailed a ship into San Diego Bay, becoming the first European to explore the land now known as California. Cabrillo explored the California coast, and is credited with numerous coastal discoveries.
- 2) Portuguese immigrants began arriving in the United States in relatively large numbers beginning in 1870, with most of these immigrants being men from the Azores, who, for the most part, had been recruited to farm and to work on American whaling ships.
- 3) Between 1900 and 1940, as much as one-half of the Portuguese community in California owned or operated a dairy farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-supporting industry. Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and thriftiness, these Portuguese Americans were renowned for their work ethic and ingenuity, often reinvesting in their own businesses by buying more land and dairy cows.
- 4) Portuguese Americans have made valuable and substantial contributions to every facet of California life. Today, over 350,000 Portuguese Americans reside in California.
- 5) Portuguese national literary icon Luís Vaz de Camões wrote Portugal's national epic poem, *Os Lusíadas*, celebrating the 15th-century Portuguese explorations that brought fame and fortune to the country. The poem, considered one of the finest and most important works in Portuguese literature, became a symbol for the great feats of the Portuguese Empire. *Dia de Portugal, de Camões e das Comunidades Portuguesas*, translated as "Day of Portugal, Camões, and the Portuguese Communities," commemorates the death of Luís de Camões on June 10, 1580.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file



**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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**Introduced by Senator Beall**

**(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Atkins, Berryhill, Bradford, Fuller, Hertzberg, Hueso, Monning, Moorlach, Nielsen, Pan, and Portantino)**

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chávez, Chiu, Harper, and Lackey)**

May 11, 2017

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 54—Relative to National Mental Health Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 54, as introduced, Beall. National Mental Health Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize May 2017 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental illness.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Mental illness is one of the leading causes of  
2 disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four  
3 families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those  
4 persons who care for and love the person afflicted; and  
5 WHEREAS, Serious mental illness costs Americans  
6 approximately \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year; and  
7 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Mental Health has  
8 reported that many people suffer from more than one mental  
9 disorder at a given time and that 45 percent of those with any  
10 mental disorder meet criteria for two or more disorders, including  
11 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDs, and cancer, and the

1 severity of the mental disorder strongly relates to comorbidity;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Fifty-seven million Americans have a mental  
4 disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults  
5 living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of  
6 youth 8 to 15 years of age, with a mental illness received mental  
7 health services in the last year; and

8 WHEREAS, Although mental illness impacts all people, many  
9 of those in lower-income communities receive less care, poorer  
10 quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care,  
11 thereby resulting in mental health disparities; and

12 WHEREAS, Some see negative perceptions about mental health  
13 care as a significant factor contributing to limited or nonexistent  
14 access to care, and some common concerns are stigma, culture,  
15 masculinity, exposure to violence, and lack of information and  
16 awareness, among many others; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities  
18 Project report, being misdiagnosed and given severe mental health  
19 diagnoses can be stigmatizing and can affect the person's  
20 self-esteem, which, in turn, can discourage the person from seeking  
21 help; and

22 WHEREAS, The three major brain diseases, schizophrenia,  
23 bipolar disorder, and depression, adversely affect the economy,  
24 contribute to the rise of incarceration rates, and erode the quality  
25 of life for patients and their loved ones; and

26 WHEREAS, Nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable  
27 mental illness do not receive mental health treatment due to stigma,  
28 lack of community-based resources, inadequate diagnosis, or no  
29 diagnosis; and

30 WHEREAS, An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile  
31 justice system have at least one mental health condition, and at  
32 least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually  
33 undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated,  
34 thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in a  
35 vulnerable condition; and

36 WHEREAS, There is a need to improve public awareness of  
37 mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of  
38 brain diseases, so that all those with mental illness may receive  
39 adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their  
40 becoming fully functioning members of society; and

1 WHEREAS, Access to mental health treatment and services is  
2 of paramount importance; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need to encourage primary care  
4 physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care  
5 providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to  
6 encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders; and

7 WHEREAS, The Legislature wishes to enhance public  
8 awareness of mental illness; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
11 hereby recognizes May 2017 as National Mental Health Awareness  
12 Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental illness;  
13 and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
15 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 15, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 54 (Beall) – As Introduced May 11, 2017

**SENATE VOTE:** 40-0

**SUBJECT:** National Mental Health Awareness Month

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2017 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental illness. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mental illness is one of the leading causes of disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those persons who care for and love the person afflicted.
- 2) 57 million Americans have a mental disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of youth 8 to 15 years of age, inclusive, with a mental illness received mental health services in the last year.
- 3) Although mental illness impacts all people, many of those in lower-income communities receive less care, poorer quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care, thereby resulting in mental health disparities.
- 4) Nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable mental illness do not receive mental health treatment due to stigma, lack of community-based resources, inadequate diagnosis, or no diagnosis.
- 5) Access to mental health treatment and services is of paramount importance and there is a need to encourage primary care physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders.
- 6) There is a need to improve public awareness of mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of brain diseases, so that all those with mental illness may receive adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their becoming fully functioning members of society.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO  
California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN)  
County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA)  
Kaiser Permanente  
Mental Health America of California (MHAC)  
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Steinberg Institute

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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Physicians And Dentists

AFSCME/UC Local 3299  
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United Nurses Associations  
Of California  
Union of Health Care  
Professionals

UEMSW Local 4911  
United EMS Workers

June 8, 2017

**TO: The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair  
The Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Rules**

**RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 54 (Beall) – AFSCME SUPPORTS**

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, would like to inform you of our **support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 54**, as introduced on May 11, 2017.

SCR 54 would designate May 2017 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental illness. AFSCME proudly represents employees who tirelessly work to improve the mental health and emotional well-being of people across the state. Mental illnesses affect one in four families across the United States and deserves to be treated with careful and delicate care.

Severe mental illnesses – including but not limited to schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression – can become a significant and troublesome burden for the individuals and families it affects. Unfortunately, many of these people are unable to afford and receive quality care. This evident challenge has prevented people from suitably being able to enter workplace settings, convene with loved ones and achieve a self-sufficient lifestyle. On behalf of AFSCME members working to treat these serious illnesses, we encourage the California State Legislature to approve this important resolution recognizing the crucial need for mental health awareness.

**Please join us in supporting Senate Concurrent Resolution 54.**

Should you have any questions regarding our position in this matter, you may call me at your earliest convenience. AFSCME also reserves the right to change our position in the event of future amendments.

Sincerely,



Joshua Golka  
Legislative Affairs Manager, California





DATE: June 8, 2017

TO: The Honorable Assemblymember Ken Cooley, Chair, Assembly Rules Committee

FROM: Kathleen Casela, Program Director, California Youth Empowerment Network

**RE: SCR 54 (Beall) – National Mental Health Awareness Month – SUPPORT**

The California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN) strongly supports SCR 54.

CAYEN works to empower Transitional Age Youth (TAY, youth between the ages of 15 and 26) to be leaders in community and mental health system transformation and to create positive change through the promotion of culturally appropriate supports, services and approaches that improve and maintain the mental health of California's TAY.

SCR 54, authored by Senator Jim Beall, stands as a powerful message that mental health must be a priority both in the Legislature and for all Californians. It demonstrates to leaders, decision makers, and the community of the importance of mental health supports and services for individuals, families, and the community at large.

This month, service providers, advocates, family members, and individuals with mental health challenges come together to advocate, and engage in educational activities focused on a client driven comprehensive system of services that offers hope, reduces stigma, and champions serving individuals, and families in the least restrictive setting. Mental Health Awareness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the power of building momentum and strength together to better the lives of those with mental health challenges. Speaking up about mental health is an essential part of battling stigma, and our voices are amplified when we speak up together. SCR 54 brings decision makers and the community together in the movement towards ending stigma.

It is our great honor to support SCR 54, and we respectfully ask you to identify as a mental health champion by voting Aye on this important resolution. I can be reached at 916-837-2214 with questions.

[www.CA-YEN.org](http://www.CA-YEN.org)





June 8, 2017

Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Resolution 54 (Beall) National Mental Health Awareness Month – SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Cooley,

The County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), which represents the public mental health and substance use disorder program authorities in counties throughout California, is pleased to support SCR 54 by Senator Beall. This Resolution designates May 2017 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental illness.

Mental health issues have broad and deep impact across our society. For example, one quarter of families in the United States has a loved one living with mental illness. Depression has now surpassed all other conditions, including diabetes and heart disease, as the leading cause of disability across the globe. In Each year 100,000 young adults experience their first psychotic break, generally a precursor to schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other serious mood disorders. Fifty percent of people prone to serious mental illness experience their first symptoms by the age of 14.

As grave as these statistics are, the truth is that with diagnosis and early intervention, serious mental illness can be treated and managed. But unfortunately, most people living with mental illness do not have access to comprehensive care. The longer the illness goes untreated, the more likely the patient will proceed down a damaging and potentially deadly path-- failing to graduate, breaking up relationships and losing jobs. Recognizing May as National Mental Health Awareness Month elevates these issues and opens discussions that may otherwise not happen.

For these reasons, CBHDA is pleased to support SCR 54. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 556-3477 if you have any questions about CBHDA's position on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary Adèr'.

Mary Adèr  
Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Rules Committee  
Honorable Jim Beall, Author  
Farrah McDaid-Ting, California State Association of Counties



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June 8, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95691

**RE: SCR 54 (Beall) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Cooley:

On behalf of Kaiser Permanente, representing over 8 million members in California and 35 hospitals, I write to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 54, relative to National Mental Health Awareness Month. Kaiser Permanente is continually working to be a leader in mental health care, and to develop a model of care that can be used by others throughout the health care community. We are committed to empowering our members to maximize their total health – mind, body, and spirit.

We recognize that our society faces a growing need for mental health care. We aim to build a health care model for the 21<sup>st</sup> century that better integrates mental health services with primary care, and is evidence-based and focused on measurable outcomes. Kaiser Permanente is committed to making sure our members and patients have access to the mental health care they need, when and where they need it. And most importantly, we are committed to keeping the voice of the member front and center as part of our approach to improving mental health and wellness services.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 54 is important because all mental health care providers – including Kaiser Permanente – can improve. More can and must be done to continue improving quality and access to mental health care. With the number of Americans seeking mental health care steadily rising, our nation is at risk of not having enough clinicians to meet patients' needs. The American health care system has historically been under-resourced for mental health, and mental health needs have not been addressed with the same urgency as physical health needs. We are working to change this by advancing mental health care for everyone, not only through the work we are doing to improve right now, but also by building a 21<sup>st</sup> century model for mental health care based on evidence of what works, measurable outcomes, integration of emerging technologies, and breaking barriers caused by stigmas.

Kaiser Permanente collaborates with community partners across the country to discuss ways to address the many mental health and wellness challenges facing the country, share results of our work in this area, provide Kaiser Permanente facilities for NAMI peer support groups to meet, adopt various training programs these organizations offer, and work to ensure our members and others in the community know the resources these organizations offer. Our partner organizations include the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Mental Health America, and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

For these reasons, we must support SCR 54. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 448-9875.

Sincerely,

Angelica V. González  
Director, Government Relations

cc: The Honorable Jim Beall

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DATE: June 8, 2017

TO: The Honorable Assemblymember Ken Cooley, Chair, Assembly Rules Committee

FROM: Zima Creason, President & CEO, Mental Health America of California

RE: **SCR 54 (Beall) – National Mental Health Awareness Month – SUPPORT**

Mental Health America of California (MHAC) strongly supports SCR 54.

MHAC's mission is to ensure that people of all ages, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, and culture who require mental health services and supports are able to live full and productive lives, receive the mental health services and other services that they need, and are not denied any other benefits, services, rights, or opportunities based on their need for mental health services.

SCR 54, authored by Senator Jim Beall, stands as a powerful message that mental health must be a priority both in the Legislature and for all Californians. It demonstrates to leaders, decision makers, and the community of the importance of mental health supports and services for individuals, families, and the community at large.

This month, service providers, advocates, family members, and individuals with mental health challenges come together to advocate, and engage in educational activities focused on a client driven comprehensive system of services that offers hope, reduces stigma, and champions serving individuals, and families in the least restrictive setting. Mental Health Awareness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the power of building momentum and strength together to better the lives of those with mental health challenges. Speaking up about mental health is an essential part of battling stigma, and our voices are amplified when we speak up together. SCR 54 brings decision makers and the community together in the movement towards ending stigma.

It is our great honor to support SCR 54, and we respectfully ask you to identify as a mental health champion by voting Aye on this important resolution. I can be reached at 916-837-2214 with questions.

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**June 8th, 2017**

The Honorable Assemblyman Ken Cooley  
Chair of Rules Assembly Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT SCR 54 (Beall) — National Mental Health Awareness Month**

Dear Chair Cooley,

I am writing on behalf of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) California to submit our support for **SCR 54**, which would recognize May 2017 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental illness.

NAMI California is the state affiliate of the country's largest mental health advocacy organization, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Our 19,000 members and 61 affiliates include many people living with serious mental illnesses, their families and supporters. NAMI California advocates on their behalf, providing education and support to its members and the broader community.

The National Institute of Mental Health has reported that many people suffer from more than one mental disorder at a given time and that 45 percent of people with any mental disorder meet criteria for two or more disorders, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDs, and cancer, and the severity of the mental disorder strongly relates to comorbidity. Fifty-seven million Americans have a mental disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of youth 8 to 15 years of age, with a mental illness received mental health services in the last year. Due to a variety of barriers and factors people cannot receive the care they need to address serious mental illness. Stigma is a huge barrier for people to receive mental health care and we must come together collectively to hold events such as, "Mental Health Matters Day" to help spread awareness and share vital information. By holding events such as, Mental Health Matters Day and working to pass legislation to increase mental health care, we can continue to shed light on mental health, strengthen our community and the movement towards ending stigma.

Although mental illness impacts all people, many people in lower-income communities receive less care, poorer quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care, thereby resulting in mental health disparities. We need to coordinate pre-existing services, support individuals with linkage to those services, and continue to educate the entire community. In addition, California must continue to bolster the mental health movement by identifying gaps in service to properly address inadequacies in our mental health care delivery system. According to the California Reducing Disparities Project report, being misdiagnosed and given severe mental health diagnoses can be stigmatizing and can affect the person's self-esteem, which, in turn, can discourage the person from seeking help. Nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable mental illness do not receive mental health treatment due to stigma, lack of community-based resources, inadequate diagnosis, or no diagnosis. An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile justice system have at least one mental health condition, and at least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated, thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in a vulnerable condition.

There is a great need to improve public awareness of mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of brain diseases, so that people living with mental illness may receive adequate and appropriate treatment to provide better outcomes for clients and family members. Access to mental health



treatment and services is of paramount importance; and there is a need within California for a better coordination of mental health services and a means to make those services more accessible for all.

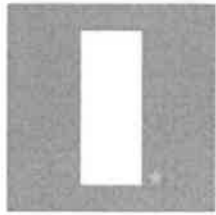
For reasons stated above, NAMI CA supports SCR 54.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jessica Cruz".

Jessica Cruz, MPA/HS  
Executive Director  
NAMI California

Cc: Senator Jim Beall, 15<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator Anthony Cannella (Vice Chair)  
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ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH POLICY & INSPIRING LEADERSHIP

June 8, 2017

Assemblymember Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
California State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Steinberg Institute, founded by Sacramento Mayor and former State Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, is a leading nonprofit public policy institute that is dedicated to advancing sound public policy and inspiring leadership on issues of mental health. SCR 54, authored by Sen. Jim Beall, stands as a powerful message that mental health must be a priority both in the Legislature and for all Californians.

Together we must build a comprehensive agenda for California to integrate care and ensure that mental health is understood to be a key component of overall health, as research shows us there is no health without mental health. Further, we know that too many mental health conditions, if they go untreated, can become debilitating with far-reaching implications for the individual, families, and society as a whole. It profoundly affects all aspects of life: education and employment, relationships and social functioning, physical and mental wellbeing.

Ending the stigma, discrimination, and criminalization that surround mental illness is one of the most pressing civil rights issues of our time. The power of stigma negatively impacts timely access to appropriate mental health services, as well as how we treat each other in day-to-day life. With leadership and commitment from the Legislature, this can and will change. Recovery is possible, and mental illness does not have to signal a lifetime trajectory of worsening health.

SCR 54 acknowledges both the seriousness of mental health and the challenges we collectively face. We must seize this moment and take a stand for the most vulnerable among us -- our brothers, sisters, friends and colleagues. The time is now to join forces toward ensuring that the mind is treated equal to the body and that all people receive the care they need, when they need it, and for as long as they need it. It is our great honor to support SCR 54.

In Partnership,

Adrienne Shilton  
Government Affairs Director