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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 172

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

August 7, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 172—Relative to Diabetes Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 172, as introduced, Beth Gaines. Diabetes Awareness Month. This measure would declare November 2014 as Diabetes Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, With more than 25 million Americans living with a diabetes diagnosis, and many more going undiagnosed, diabetes affects people across our country and remains a pressing national health concern; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 3 million Californians have diabetes, meaning that more than 1 out of 10 adult Californians has diabetes; and

WHEREAS, From 1998 to 2007, the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes rose from 5.5 percent to 7.6 percent, representing a 38-percent increase in one decade; and

WHEREAS, California has the greatest number of people in the United States who are newly diagnosed with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, about 7.9 million or 29 percent of adults in California, or nearly one in three, had prediabetes, a condition that often precedes type II diabetes; and
WHEREAS, Prevalence of gestational diabetes, diabetes that occurs in the context of pregnancy, has increased 60 percent in California in just seven years, from 3.3 percent of hospital deliveries in 1998, to 5.3 percent in 2005; and
WHEREAS, Small studies suggest a consistent increase in diabetes among children and youth; and
WHEREAS, California’s ethnically diverse population has a higher risk and prevalence of type II diabetes; and
WHEREAS, Individuals with type II diabetes often do not exhibit symptoms; and
WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic disease for which there is no known cure, and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and
WHEREAS, The serious long-term complications of high blood sugar levels may include blindness, lower-extremity amputation, heart disease, kidney failure, and premature death; and
WHEREAS, The keys to reducing the incidence of, and complications associated with, diabetes are education, early detection, control, and proper treatment; and
WHEREAS, The earlier a person is diagnosed with diabetes and receives treatment, the better the person’s chances are for avoiding diabetes complications; and
WHEREAS, The first line of treatment recommended by all treatment standards is diet and exercise, because a healthy diet and the loss of excess weight can have a positive impact on the body’s ability to fight off disease; and
WHEREAS, It has been shown that modest weight loss may help to lower blood sugar, blood pressure, and improve the level of fats in the bloodstream, and may be beneficial to the treatment of diabetes and other metabolic diseases; and
WHEREAS, Traditionally, those at highest risk for diabetes included older, overweight citizens who had a history of diabetes in their families. However, in recent years there has been an alarming increase in the growing number of younger individuals who are being diagnosed with diabetes, which is attributed to lifestyle and excessive body mass; and
WHEREAS, Total health care and related costs for the treatment of diabetes in California alone is about $24.5 billion each year; and
WHEREAS, Diabetes in California represents a significant and
growing economic drain for families, employers, and communities,
especially during these difficult economic times; and
WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed November
2013 as National Diabetes Month; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly
thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares November 2014
as Diabetes Awareness Month; and be it further
Resolved, That individuals are encouraged to seek early
screening and early treatment to reduce the rate of diabetes and its
complications among high-risk populations; and be it further
Resolved, That health care workers are encouraged to improve
care for the control of diabetes and the treatment of major
complications; and be it further
Resolved, That health care providers are encouraged, as they
detect and treat the emerging diabetes epidemic, to engage in an
aggressive program with their patients that includes a treatment
regimen that meets and exceeds minimum treatment guidelines,
as well as measurements of body weight and other associated risk
factors; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
this resolution to the California Medical Association, the State
Department of Health Care Services, and to the author for
distribution.

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SUBJECT: Diabetes Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares November 2014 as Diabetes Awareness Month. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) Diabetes is a chronic disease for which there is no known cure and affects more than 25 million Americans across our country and with many more going undiagnosed; diabetes remains a pressing national health concern.

2) Nearly 3 million Californians have diabetes, that means more than 1 out of every 10 Californians has diabetes; and, from 1998 to 2007, the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes rose from 5.5 percent to 7.6 percent.

3) In 2007, approximately 7.9 million adults in California, or nearly one in three, had prediabetes, a condition that often precedes type II diabetes.

4) The key to reducing incidence of, or complications associated with diabetes, is early detection, control, and proper treatment which include healthy diet and exercise. Traditionally, those at highest risk for diabetes included older, overweight citizens who had a history of diabetes in their families; however, in recent years there has been an alarming increase in the growing number of younger individuals being diagnosed with diabetes due to lifestyle and excessive body mass.

5) It is estimated that total health care and related costs for the treatment of diabetes in California alone is around $ 24.5 billion each year.
FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 135

Introduced by Senator Evans

July 3, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 135—Relative to National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

This measure would proclaim the week of October 19, 2014, to October 25, 2014, inclusive, as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California.
Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and is increasingly part of integrated health care; and
WHEREAS, Consumers are spending in excess of $12 billion to $17 billion annually on massage therapy, and more insurance companies are covering it; and
WHEREAS, Therapeutic massage can benefit people of all ages; and
and
WHEREAS, A growing body of clinical research shows that massage therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues, including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis, back pain, muscle injury and soreness, headaches, and maintaining good health; and
WHEREAS, California regulates the massage therapy profession and massage therapists must meet the legal requirements to
practice, which may include minimum hours of initial training and
passing an examination in order to ensure patient safety; and
WHEREAS, The American Massage Therapy Association
(AMTA), a 56,000-member professional association for massage
therapists, provides Massage therapists consistently provide
consumer and professional education information on massage and
helps help consumers and health professionals locate qualified
massage therapists in their area; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly
thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the week of
October 19, 2014, to October 25, 2014, inclusive, as National
Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: August 27, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

SCR 135 (Evans) – As Amended: August 22, 2014

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of October 19, 2014, to October 25, 2014, inclusive, as National Therapy Awareness Week in California. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and is increasingly part of integrated health care with consumers spending in excess of $13 billion annually on massage therapy, and more insurance companies covering it.

2) Clinical research shows that massage therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues, including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis, back pain, muscle injury and soreness, headaches, and health maintenance.

3) Massage therapists consistently provide consumer and professional education information on massage and help consumers and health professionals locate qualified massage therapists in their area.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:
Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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