

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 103

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 133

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ACR 103, Nakano. Prostate cancer.

This measure would declare September 2001 to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society has estimated that 198,100 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and that 31,500 men will die of the disease in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Although prostate cancer is the most diagnosed nonskin cancer in the United States and comprises more than 15 percent of all nonskin cancer cases, prostate cancer research receives only 5 percent of federal cancer research dollars; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have the highest incidence of prostate cancer in the world; and

WHEREAS, The number of new cases of prostate cancer in California is estimated to be 17,500 in 2001; and

WHEREAS, One in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Considering the devastating impact of the disease among men and their families, prostate cancer research remains woefully underfunded; and

WHEREAS, It is hoped that more resources devoted to clinical and translational research at the National Institutes of Health will be highly determinative of whether rapid advances can be attained in treatment and of ultimately whether a cure for prostate cancer will be found; and

WHEREAS, Greater awareness of the incidence of prostate cancer is necessary to accomplish these advances; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the month of September 2001 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the United States Department of Health and



Human Services, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

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