

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 92

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 100

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 92, Cohn. Physical Therapy Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2003 as Physical Therapy Month.

WHEREAS, Physical therapists are universally recognized and promoted as the practitioners of choice for persons with conditions that affect movement, function, health, and wellness; and

WHEREAS, The use of certain techniques of physical therapy goes back to ancient times; and

WHEREAS, The modern profession of physical therapy was developed in the 20th century, in the wake of World War I; and

WHEREAS, The very first modern American physical therapists, called “reconstruction aides,” were trained to work with soldiers returning from the war; and

WHEREAS, “Reconstruction aides” were sent to military hospitals in France to start early rehabilitation with wounded veterans; and

WHEREAS, Physical therapists of today are direct descendants of these brave women and some men; and

WHEREAS, In the midcentury polio epidemics, physical therapists played an important role in helping people with this disease to reduce or overcome its paralyzing effects; and

WHEREAS, Physical therapists practice in a variety of settings, with patients from all age groups; and

WHEREAS, In today’s health care system physical therapists are the experts in the examination and treatment of musculoskeletal and neuromuscular problems that affect peoples’ abilities to move the way they want and function as well as they want in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Physical therapists are experts in movement and function, who do not confine their talents to treating people who are ill; and

WHEREAS, A large part of a physical therapist’s program is directed at preventing injury and loss of movement; and



WHEREAS, Physical therapists work as consultants in industrial settings to improve the design of the workplace and reduce the risk of workers overusing certain muscles or developing low back pain; and

WHEREAS, Physical therapists also provide services to athletes at all levels and consult with individuals in fitness clubs to develop workouts that are safe and effective; and

WHEREAS, Physical therapists are required to understand a vast array of problems that can affect movement, function, and health; and

WHEREAS, The cornerstones of physical therapy treatment are therapeutic exercise and functional training; and

WHEREAS, In addition to “hands-on” care, physical therapists educate patients to take care of themselves and to perform certain exercises on their own; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the American Physical Therapy Association is to further the profession’s role in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions and the enhancement of the physical health and functional abilities of members of the public; and

WHEREAS, The California Physical Therapy Association is dedicated to the promotion of health maintenance by way of consultation, education, evaluation, treatment, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The American Physical Therapy Association, and the California Physical Therapy Association will observe Physical Therapy Month, October 2003; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California proclaims the month of October 2003 as Physical Therapy Month, and be it further

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

