

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 129

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to In-Home Supportive Services Home Care Worker Recognition Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 15, Evans. In-Home Supportive Services Home Care Worker Recognition Week.

This bill would proclaim the second week of November to be In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Home Care Worker Recognition Week, and would recognize, and commend the contributions of IHSS caregivers who give their time, patience, care, and support to their families and the entire community.

WHEREAS, For over a quarter of a century California has provided home care services to a very high proportion of its residents through a unique, fiscally sound alternative to institutional care; and

WHEREAS, That home care program, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), is now recognized nationally and is being replicated in other states as the preferred way to provide assistance to people who need long-term care; and

WHEREAS, IHSS is estimated by the State Department of Social Services to serve 374,986 aging, disabled, and blind residents in the 2005–06 fiscal year at one fifth of the cost to taxpayers as care provided in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 325,000 IHSS home care workers provide home care services and support, making it possible for approximately 375,000 low-income disabled and elderly residents in California to remain living independently in their homes; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, numerous national organizations joined together in declaring the month of November as National Home Care Month to recognize, honor and support the valuable contributions of home care workers; and

WHEREAS, Providing services and support for the disabled and elderly to remain living in their homes is a humane, dignified, and compassionate alternative to hospitalization or other institutional placement; and

WHEREAS, The work of California's IHSS home care workers requires great sensitivity, honesty, patience, trust, commitment, dedication, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, The work of California's IHSS home care workers is both physically demanding and emotionally challenging; and

WHEREAS, The work of California's IHSS home care workers promotes independence, dignity, and quality-of-life for California's disabled and elderly residents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved By the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the second week of November as In-Home Supportive Services Home Care Worker Recognition Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes and commends the contributions of IHSS home care workers who give their time, patience, care, and support to their families and the entire community.