

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 76

Introduced by Assembly Member Soto

August 27, 2007

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to Dyslexia Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 76, as introduced, Soto. Dyslexia Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim October 2007 as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the International Dyslexia
2 Association, an estimated 15 to 20 percent of Americans are
3 affected by dyslexia, a language-based disorder; and

4 WHEREAS, Dyslexia, which comes from the Greek meaning
5 “difficulty with words,” constitutes one of several distinct learning
6 disabilities. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate, fluent
7 word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Dyslexia significantly can interfere with the ability
9 of a person to read, write, and spell. Dyslexia also may cause
10 problems in putting things in order, following instructions, and
11 differentiating between left and right; and

12 WHEREAS, Secondary consequences include problems in
13 reading comprehension and reduced reading experience, which
14 can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.
15 Additional consequences include devastating effects to the person’s
16 self-esteem; and

1 WHEREAS, Dyslexia occurs among all groups of individuals
2 regardless of sex, age, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background. It
3 is not related to a lack of intelligence or a desire to learn; and

4 WHEREAS, With proper diagnosis, appropriate instruction,
5 hard work, and support from their families, teachers, and friends,
6 individuals with dyslexia can excel in school and later as working
7 adults. Children with dyslexia often can succeed at the same level
8 as their peers once they are diagnosed and begin receiving
9 appropriate instruction and attention at school and home. Adults
10 with dyslexia can improve their skills when provided with
11 instruction utilizing multisensory structured language strategies
12 that can help them learn to read, process, and express information
13 more effectively; and

14 WHEREAS, The International Dyslexia Association is a
15 nonprofit, scientific, and educational organization dedicated to the
16 study and treatment of dyslexia. Founded in 1948 as the Orton
17 Society, in recognition of the pioneering work of Dr. Samuel T.
18 Orton, it is the oldest organization in the United States that serves
19 individuals with dyslexia, their families, and professionals in the
20 field; and

21 WHEREAS, In an effort to assist parents, educators, and
22 individuals with dyslexia, the International Dyslexia Association
23 is designating October 2007 as Dyslexia Awareness Month; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
27 month of October 2007 as Dyslexia Awareness Month; and be it
28 further

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