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No. 28

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 28—Relative to Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 28, as amended, Ma. Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

This measure would recognize the weeks of February 22 through February 28, 2009, and February 21 through February 27, 2010, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week and would encourage citizens and

policymakers to learn more about eating disorders and the obstacles to treatment, and to help people overcome and prevent these life-threatening diseases.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Ten million women and one million men across
2 the country are battling illnesses such as anorexia and bulimia,
3 and millions more are suffering from binge eating disorder; and

4 WHEREAS, An estimated 3.6 million women in California
5 alone struggle with an eating disorder; and

6 WHEREAS, Anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive overeating are
7 problems that are misunderstood, stigmatized, and undertreated;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Anorexia is the psychiatric disorder with the highest
10 mortality rate; and

11 WHEREAS, Anorexia is linked to an 18-fold increase in the
12 risk of death, with up to 20 percent of sufferers dying of
13 malnutrition or dying by suicide; and

14 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are associated with substantial
15 psychological problems, including depression, substance abuse,
16 and suicide; and

17 WHEREAS, Eating disorders can lead to major medical
18 complications, including cardiac arrhythmia, cognitive impairment,
19 certain cancers, osteoporosis, infertility, kidney failure, and death;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Eating disorders affect persons of every race, color,
22 gender, and socioeconomic category; and

23 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are increasing among people in
24 younger age groups and affect children as young as seven years
25 of age; and

26 WHEREAS, Media pressures and genetic, social, and familial
27 factors are all known to be related to eating disorders; and

28 WHEREAS, Some physicians prematurely discharge patients
29 with anorexia nervosa due to limited opportunities to obtain
30 reimbursement; and

31 WHEREAS, Coverage and reimbursement for eating disorders
32 differ among various private and public health care coverage
33 options; and

34 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are treatable when diagnosed early
35 and treated sufficiently; and

1 WHEREAS, Eating disorders have become a significant public
2 health concern that should be treated no less seriously than obesity;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The government should take a proactive role in
5 developing preventive education, improving access to care for all
6 forms of eating disorders, including binge eating and extreme
7 dieting; and

8 WHEREAS, The California Legislature is concerned with
9 preserving and protecting the health of the state's citizens; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the weeks of
13 February 22 through February 28, 2009, and February 21 through
14 February 27, 2010, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week, and
15 encourages citizens and policymakers to learn more about eating
16 disorders and the obstacles to treatment, and to help people
17 overcome and prevent these life-threatening diseases; and be it
18 further

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