

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 72

Introduced by Assembly Member Huffman

May 5, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to Pain Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 72, as introduced, Huffman. Pain Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize September 2009 as Pain Awareness Month and call upon all Californians to observe that month by learning how to improve the quality of life of Californians suffering from pain.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, More than 75 million Americans live with chronic
2 pain caused by various diseases or disorders, and each year, nearly
3 25 million Americans suffer with acute pain; and
4 WHEREAS, Though medical knowledge and technology exist
5 to relieve or greatly ease pain, most pain is untreated, undertreated,
6 or improperly treated, and many health care professionals are still
7 unaware of how to effectively treat pain; and
8 WHEREAS, People who suffer from chronic pain are often
9 stigmatized and marginalized and are often not informed about
10 the right to effective pain assessment and management, and most
11 people with pain, including those at the end of life, get little or no
12 relief; and
13 WHEREAS, The California-based Partners for Understanding
14 Pain is a growing coalition of pain sufferers, physicians, nurses,
15 social workers, pharmacists, therapists, civic leaders, nonprofit

1 organizations, and health care businesses whose mission is to
2 improve the quality of life for people in California experiencing
3 pain; and

4 WHEREAS, It is the collective mission of this movement to
5 provide practical information for people with pain, inform health
6 care professionals about pain management, and serve as an
7 advocate for people experiencing pain; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
10 September 2009 as Pain Awareness Month, and calls upon all
11 Californians to observe this month by participating in appropriate
12 ceremonies and activities and by learning how to improve the
13 quality of life for people in California suffering from pain; and be
14 it further

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