

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 90

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 90—Relative to Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 90, as introduced, Beall. Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

This measure would recognize September 2009 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in California in order to raise awareness of the importance of substance use disorders treatment and to help those suffering from substance use disorders and their families to receive treatment.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Substance use disorders impact more than 23
2 million people 12 years of age or older in the United States (or 9.2
3 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people
4 living with coronary heart disease, cancer, and Alzheimer's disease
5 combined; and
6 WHEREAS, Nearly 10 percent of Californians 12 years of age
7 or older are dependent on alcohol or drugs, or both; and
8 WHEREAS, Studies have consistently found that individualized
9 treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of
10 recovery; and

1 WHEREAS, Treatment and long-term recovery from substance
2 use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who
3 are addicted and their family members; and

4 WHEREAS, People who receive treatment for substance use
5 disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally
6 and professionally; and

7 WHEREAS, Real stories of long-term recovery can inspire
8 others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of
9 their families, and the entire community; and

10 WHEREAS, The “Join the Voices for Recovery” effort provides
11 a platform to celebrate people in recovery and those who have
12 worked to advance the treatment and recovery landscape; and

13 WHEREAS, It is critical that we educate our community
14 members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious,
15 health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic
16 diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire
17 community; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
20 September 2009 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month
21 in order to raise awareness of the importance of substance use
22 disorders treatment and to help those suffering from substance use
23 disorders and their families to receive treatment; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages public support for
25 “Join the Voices for Recovery” efforts during the 2009 Alcohol
26 and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to the author for distribution.