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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 14

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 14, as amended, Aanestad. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of September 2009 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California and would encourage public officials and citizens to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
2 in _____ six men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and
3 that there will be approximately _____ over 192,000 new cases of
4 the disease in the United States in the current year, resulting in
5 nearly _____ over 27,000 deaths; and

6 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
7 cancer among men in all race and ethnic groups. African American
8 men are _____ 45 percent more likely to develop this disease than
9 any other group of men; and

1 WHEREAS, In California, approximately ~~_____~~ 18,000 men will
2 be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more
3 than ~~_____~~ eight California men will die of this disease; and

4 WHEREAS, While prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer
5 deaths in men, little is known about this disease and there are
6 usually no symptoms in the early stages; and

7 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches ~~_____~~ 100 percent
8 when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to
9 ~~_____~~ 32 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the
10 body; and

11 WHEREAS, Early detection is key to survival and the American
12 Cancer Society recommends that every man should be offered
13 screening tests determined by his age and risk factor, including an
14 annual prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal
15 examination (*DRE*); and

16 WHEREAS, Men who have several close relatives who have
17 been diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age should begin
18 their testing at 40 years of age; and

19 WHEREAS, Men who have a father, son, or brother who was
20 diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age, and all
21 African American men, should begin testing at 45 years of age;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Other men should begin testing at 50 years of age
24 if they have a life expectancy of at least an additional 10 years;
25 now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
28 September 2009 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State
29 of California and that public officials and citizens of California
30 are encouraged to observe the month with appropriate activities
31 and programs; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
33 nation to increase the awareness of the importance of early
34 detection and treatment of prostate cancer; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
36 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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