

Introduced by Senator Wright

June 3, 2010

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 111, as introduced, Wright. California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week.

This measure would proclaim November 7 through November 13, 2010, as California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week, and would urge all Californians to familiarize themselves with the causes of chronic kidney disease and the importance of intervention to promote sustained health and a better quality of life.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease is estimated to be present
2 in approximately 31 million Americans, many of whom are
3 unaware of the problem; and

4 WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease is estimated to be present
5 in more than 16 percent of adults in California. It is estimated that
6 approximately 3.8 million adults in California, or one in every six,
7 have chronic kidney disease; and

8 WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease can progress to end-stage
9 renal disease (ESRD), which requires a continuous course of
10 dialysis therapy or a kidney transplant to maintain life; and

11 WHEREAS, There are more than 50,000 people with ESRD in
12 the state; and

1 WHEREAS, ESRD is usually the result of years of chronic
2 kidney disease caused by diabetes mellitus, high blood pressure,
3 inherited conditions, or other insult to the kidneys; and

4 WHEREAS, Uncontrolled high blood pressure (hypertension)
5 and diabetes are the two leading causes of chronic kidney disease
6 in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease causes high blood pressure,
8 or worsens existing high blood pressure, and accelerates damage
9 to the kidneys; and

10 WHEREAS, Severe high blood pressure causes kidney
11 malfunction over a relatively short period of time, but even mild
12 forms of high blood pressure can damage kidneys over several
13 years, with no symptoms evident until there is serious damage;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death
16 in patients with chronic kidney disease; and

17 WHEREAS, There is no cure for chronic kidney disease, but
18 there is abundant medical evidence showing that its recognition
19 and treatment can delay or prevent the onset of ESRD; and

20 WHEREAS, Public policy initiatives targeted at early
21 identification, for controlling cardiovascular risk factors, and early
22 intervention in those with diabetes mellitus and high blood pressure
23 can reduce both the serious long-term effects of chronic kidney
24 disease on the population, and the significant economic burden on
25 individuals and society; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims November 7
28 through November 13, 2010, as California Chronic Kidney Disease
29 Education Week, and urges all Californians to familiarize
30 themselves with the causes of chronic kidney disease and the
31 importance of intervention to promote sustained health and a better
32 quality of life; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
34 this resolution to the author for distribution.

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