

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 29, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 51**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Perea**  
*(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)*

April 12, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 51—Relative to  
Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 51, as amended, Perea. Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2011 as  
Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a neurological disorder  
2 affecting one in every 3,000 births. NF is more prevalent than  
3 cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and Huntington's  
4 disease combined. NF affects people of all races and ethnic origins,  
5 and both sexes equally; and

6 WHEREAS, The Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to  
7 promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research  
8 aimed at finding effective treatments and ultimately a cure for NF.  
9 The foundation also works to improve access to quality patient  
10 health care and provides patient and family support; and

11 WHEREAS, Much remains to be done in raising public  
12 awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper  
13 management and treatment, prevention of complications, and  
14 support for research; and

1 WHEREAS, Research has directly linked NF to cancer, brain  
2 tumors, memory loss, learning disabilities, heart disease, blindness,  
3 deafness, and orthopedic problems; and

4 WHEREAS, Increased public knowledge of NF may bring hope  
5 to NF patients and *their* families, and support essential research;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Since the discovery of the genes causing NF in the  
8 1990s, researchers have made progress in understanding NF and  
9 creating drugs to combat it; and

10 WHEREAS, The Children’s Tumor Foundation is observing  
11 May 2011 as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month to educate the  
12 public about this common genetic disorder; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
15 month of May 2011 as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month in  
16 California; and be it further

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