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Assembly Concurrent Resolution　　　　No. 81

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 81—Relative to Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

ACR 81, as amended, Skinner. Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of September of every year as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month throughout the State of California,

and would encourage and promote efforts to educate the people and the health care practitioners of the state regarding ovarian cancer and its early detection and prevention, the risk factors involved in its development, and the early warning symptoms and signs.

Fiscal committee: no.

1   WHEREAS, Each year in the United States, over 21,000 women
2   are diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and about 15,000 women die
3   of this disease; and
4   WHEREAS, If diagnosed and treated at an early stage before
5   the cancer spreads outside of the ovary, the treatment is potentially
6   less costly, and the five-year survival rate is higher, at
7   approximately 70 percent. However, fewer than 20 percent of
8   ovarian cancer patients are diagnosed early. An overwhelming 80
9   percent of all ovarian cancer patients are diagnosed at advanced
10   stages; and
11   WHEREAS, Although mortality rates for other cancers have
12   been reduced due to the capabilities of early detection and enhanced
13   treatments, the mortality rates for ovarian cancer have remained
14   high for the past three decades. Unfortunately, women with ovarian
15   cancer do not share the luxury of early detection; this cancer is
16   among the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers; and
17   WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer has been predicted to reach
18   epidemic proportions as the population ages, because advancing
19   age is one of the known risk factors for the development of ovarian
20   cancer. Ovarian cancer primarily occurs in women over 45 years
21   of age; and
22   WHEREAS, The symptoms of ovarian cancer are vague and
23   not well known by the public. While ovarian cancer is the ninth
24   most common cancer among the female population, it is the fifth
25   leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women; and
26   WHEREAS, There are factors that are known to reduce the risk
27   for ovarian cancer and that play an important role in the prevention
28   of the disease; now, therefore, be it
29   *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30   *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
31   month of September of every year as Ovarian Cancer Awareness
32   Month throughout the State of California, and encourages and
33   promotes the efforts of the people and the health care practitioners
34   of the state to increase their awareness of this disease and to

1 educate themselves about its early detection and prevention, the
2 risk factors involved in its development, and the early warning
3 symptoms and signs; and be it further
4   *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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