

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 102

Introduced by Assembly Member Campos

February 6, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 102, as introduced, Campos. Lupus Awareness Month.

This measure would designate May 2012 as Lupus Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly known
2 as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening
3 autoimmune disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that five million people have
5 been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases throughout the world,
6 and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year; and

7 WHEREAS, More people have lupus than AIDS, cerebral palsy,
8 sickle cell anemia, multiple sclerosis, and cystic fibrosis combined;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women in their prime, when they
11 are 15 to 44 years of age, and it affects all aspects of their lives;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient,
14 it affects their family, friends, coworkers, employers, and the
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of Northern California in
17 San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San

1 Diego, and Lupus-LA in Los Angeles were founded as 501(c)(3)
2 nonprofit organizations to alleviate suffering for lupus patients
3 through patient and family services, achieve early detection of
4 undiagnosed cases through awareness promotion, and achieve the
5 eradication of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

6 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical
7 to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus
8 sufferers; and

9 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education, and research
10 are key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates May 2012 as
13 Lupus Awareness Month and extends heartfelt encouragement to
14 the Lupus Foundation of Northern California in San Jose, the Lupus
15 Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and Lupus-LA
16 in Los Angeles for success in their core objectives in the future;
17 and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the Lupus Foundation of Northern California
20 in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San
21 Diego, Lupus-LA in Los Angeles, and to the author for appropriate
22 distribution.