

Introduced by Senator Huff

February 21, 2012

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67—Relative to Food Allergy Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 67, as introduced, Huff. Food Allergy Awareness Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 13 through May 19, 2012, as Food Allergy Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, As many as 15 million Americans have food
2 allergies, nearly six million of whom are children under 18 years
3 of age; and

4 WHEREAS, Research shows that the prevalence of food
5 allergies is increasing among children; and

6 WHEREAS, The eight foods that cause 90 percent of all food
7 allergy reactions in the United States are shellfish, fish, milk, egg,
8 tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic
9 reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress,
10 and swelling of the throat; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
12 Control and Prevention, food allergy reactions result in more than
13 300,000 ambulatory care visits each year involving a children
14 under 18 years of age. A food allergy reaction typically occurs
15 when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an
16 ingredient to which he or she is allergic; and

17 WHEREAS, There is no cure for a food allergy, and scientists
18 do not understand why food allergies occur. Strict avoidance of

1 the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is
4 rapid in onset and may cause death; and

5 WHEREAS, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN)
6 is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness
7 about food allergy and anaphylaxis; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
10 week of May 13 through May 19, 2012, as Food Allergy
11 Awareness Week, and wishes to promote statewide awareness of
12 food allergies; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
14 this resolution to the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network and
15 to the author for appropriate distribution.