

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 88

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 49

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 88—Relative to Arthritis Awareness Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 88, Alquist. Arthritis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2012 as Arthritis Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Arthritis includes more than 100 rheumatic diseases and conditions that affect joints, the tissues that surround joints, and other connective tissue; and

WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, and can limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing; and

WHEREAS, Arthritis affects an estimated 50 million adults living with some form of doctor-diagnosed arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, lupus, or fibromyalgia, representing approximately 1 in 5 adults in the United States; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 294,000 children under 18 years of age have some form of arthritis or rheumatic condition, representing approximately 1 in every 250 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem and the nation's leading cause of physical disability among Americans over 15 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy more than \$128 billion each year in lost wages and health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Arthritis results in 992,100 hospitalizations and 44 million outpatient visits each year; and

WHEREAS, In California there are 5.1 million people living with arthritis, including 38,000 children; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 67 million adults 18 years of age and older, representing 25 percent of the population of the United States, will have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature understands the extent of, and sympathizes with, the severity of the impact of arthritis on California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the month of May 2012 as Arthritis Awareness Month and appreciates the efforts of the California Arthritis Foundation Council to seek access to care for all Californians; and be it further

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

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