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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Perea

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March 20, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39—Relative to Fight Against Cancer Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 39, as amended, Perea. American Cancer Society Day.

This measure would designate May 22, 2013, as Fight Against Cancer Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society, originally named
- 2 the American Society for the Control of Cancer, was established

1 in 1913 and has 100 years of milestones in the fight against cancer;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Women’s Field Army started raising money
4 and educating the public about cancer in 1937; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1944, the American Cancer Society prioritized
6 the funding of cancer research and has, to date, funded 46 Nobel
7 Laureates and is the largest nongovernmental, not-for-profit
8 funding source of cancer research; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society made a connection
10 between lung cancer and smoking in 1950, which led to education
11 and laws that have greatly reduced smoking rates; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society helped seek passage
13 of the Cancer Act of 1971, which established the National Cancer
14 Institute and now funds billions of dollars annually for research;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Relay For Life was launched by an American
17 Cancer Society volunteer in 1985 and is now the largest grassroots
18 fundraising event in the world, having raised over \$3 billion to
19 date and raising \$400 million annually to fund cancer research,
20 education, advocacy, and service for cancer patients; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1997, the American Cancer Society opened the
22 doors to the National Cancer Information Center which receives
23 nearly one million calls annually seeking information on cancer;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, In 2003, American Cancer Society researchers
26 linked obesity to most types of cancer and concluded that obesity
27 could account for 14 percent of cancer deaths in men and 20
28 percent of cancer deaths in women; and

29 WHEREAS, In 2006, for the first time in history, the actual
30 number of cancer deaths in the United States declined thanks in
31 large part to the American Cancer Society’s groundbreaking and
32 tireless work in cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society and its advocacy
35 affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network,
36 were successful in gaining support and passage of legislation
37 granting the Food and Drug Administration regulatory authority
38 over tobacco products; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2012, the American Cancer Society reported
2 that cancer death rates had declined by 20 percent over the last 20
3 years, which is the equivalent of 1.2 million lives saved; and

4 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, May 22, 2013, the American
5 Cancer Society, “The Official Sponsor of Birthdays,” will celebrate
6 its 100th birthday; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
8 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates May
9 22, 2013, as Fight Against Cancer Day to recognize the American
10 Cancer Society’s 100 years of fighting cancer; and be it further

11 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges all citizens of our state to
12 join together to finish the fight against cancer; and be it further

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