

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 54**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer**

April 24, 2013

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 54—Relative to American Stroke Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 54, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. American Stroke Month 2013. This measure would declare May 2013 to be American Stroke Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term  
2 disability and the third leading cause of death in California, killing  
3 approximately 13,506 citizens of California each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Stroke prevalence is projected to increase in the  
5 United States by 24.9 percent between 2010 and 2030, and the  
6 direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by  
7 238 percent, from \$28.3 billion in 2010 to \$95.6 billion by 2030;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed  
10 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes,  
11 but much more research is needed; and

12 WHEREAS, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and  
13 warning signs for stroke than in the past, but according to a recent  
14 survey, one-third of adults cannot identify any symptoms; and

15 WHEREAS, The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of  
16 stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and

1 time to call 9-1-1. Beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning  
2 signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the  
3 face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden  
4 confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble  
5 seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss  
6 of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no  
7 known cause; and

8 WHEREAS, A new study by the American Stroke Association  
9 shows that the quick actions by emergency medical services (EMS)  
10 professionals are instrumental in saving lives from stroke and  
11 producing better outcomes for stroke survivors, but more than  
12 one-third of stroke patients fail to use EMS; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout American Stroke Month 2013, the  
14 American Stroke Association will honor those EMS professionals  
15 and stroke survivors who have acted F.A.S.T. in a stroke  
16 emergency to save lives by highlighting and sharing their stories;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The American Stroke Association's "Power To  
19 End Stroke" awareness campaign will increase physical activity  
20 in at-risk populations through the online Power Fitness challenge.  
21 The challenge will track individual's physical activity through a  
22 mobile application or device and encourage them to make exercise  
23 a daily activity through prize offerings and community support;  
24 now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 2013 to be  
27 American Stroke Month in California; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to  
29 familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke,  
30 to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at  
31 the first signs of a stroke, to dial 911 immediately in order to begin  
32 to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population; and  
33 be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
35 of this resolution to the author and to the Secretary of the Senate  
36 for appropriate distribution.

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