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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 54

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 54, as amended, 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

1 direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by
2 238 percent, from \$28.3 billion in 2010 to \$95.6 billion by 2030;
3 and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of
11 stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and
12 time to call 9-1-1. Beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning
13 signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the
14 face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden
15 confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble
16 seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss
17 of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no
18 known cause; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Throughout American Stroke Month 2013, the
25 American Stroke Association will honor those EMS professionals
26 and stroke survivors who have acted F.A.S.T. in a stroke
27 emergency to save lives by highlighting and sharing their stories;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The American Stroke Association's "Power To
30 End Stroke" awareness campaign will increase physical activity
31 in at-risk populations through the online Power Fitness challenge.
32 The challenge will track individual's physical activity through a
33 mobile application or device and encourage them to make exercise
34 a daily activity through prize offerings and community support;
35 now, therefore, be it

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

39 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
40 familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke,

1 to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at
2 the first signs of a stroke, to dial 911 immediately in order to begin
3 to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population; and
4 be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the author and to the Secretary of the Senate
7 for appropriate distribution.

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