

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 83

Introduced by Assembly Member Buchanan

January 14, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to Alcohol Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 83, as introduced, Buchanan. Alcohol Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2014 as Alcohol Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive
2 substance in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, One in every 12 adults in the United States (17.6
4 million people) suffer from alcohol abuse or dependence; and

5 WHEREAS, Nationwide, 100,000 persons die each year from
6 alcohol-related causes, including, but not limited to, drinking and
7 driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related
8 homicides, and suicides; and

9 WHEREAS, Alcohol-related problems cost the United States
10 \$224 billion (\$746 per person) in lost productivity, absenteeism,
11 health care costs, crime, and family-related problems; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2012, 28 percent of all traffic deaths in
13 California were a result of drinking and driving; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2010, underage drinking in California cost the
15 state and its citizens \$6.8 billion, including medical care and lost
16 time at work; and

1 WHEREAS, Young people who begin drinking before 15 years
2 of age are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence
3 than those who begin drinking at 21 years of age; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 WHEREAS, The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug
6 Dependence, Inc. Alcohol Awareness Month, held every April,
7 increases public awareness and understanding aimed at reducing
8 the stigma associated with alcoholism that too often prevents
9 individuals and families from seeking help; and

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature joins the National Council
12 on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. and hereby recognizes
13 April 2014 as Alcohol Awareness Month in California, and calls
14 upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and
15 private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools, and colleges in
16 California to support efforts that will reduce stigma, increase
17 community awareness, and increase support for individuals and
18 families coping with alcoholism; and be it further

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