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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 110

Introduced by Assembly Member Fox

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 110—Relative to Health Care District Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 110, as amended, Fox. Health Care District Month.

This measure would recognize the essential role that health care districts have in the State of California and proclaims the month of May 2014 as Health Care District Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Health care districts are public entities that provide
- 2 community-based health care services to residents throughout the
- 3 state; and

1 WHEREAS, Health care districts were created after World War
2 II to address a shortage of access to acute hospital care for many
3 areas of the state, particularly the rural areas of California; and

4 WHEREAS, The first health care district was formed in 1946
5 and the first district hospital opened in 1947. Today, there are 78
6 health care districts in California, and 41 health care districts
7 currently operate 43 district hospitals. Their primary mission has
8 not changed, which is to provide health care services to the
9 communities that created them; and

10 WHEREAS, District hospitals account for 28 of the state's rural
11 hospitals and 20 of the state's critical access hospitals; and

12 WHEREAS, District hospitals provided \$54 million in
13 uncompensated care, and offered financial support to community
14 programs focused on the health and well-being of the children and
15 adults in the health care districts; and

16 WHEREAS, Fifty health care districts operate in either a health
17 professional shortage area, a medically underserved area, or a
18 medically underserved population area; and

19 WHEREAS, Health care districts collectively provide a wide
20 range of services, which include acute care, emergency care, skilled
21 nursing and long-term care, community and rural health clinics,
22 ambulance services, adult day care, senior housing and nutritional
23 support, chronic disease management, health education, medical
24 transportation, home health, and hospice; and

25 WHEREAS, Health care districts provide services in 40 counties,
26 employ over 32,000 employees, and handle more than 4,000,000
27 patient visits annually; and

28 WHEREAS, Health care districts are formed by the will of the
29 people, with board members locally elected and accountable to
30 their communities. The health care districts are often supported in
31 part by local tax dollars in order to improve community health;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, Health care districts serve as an integral part of
34 the "safety net" for the state's underinsured and uninsured
35 residents. In 2012, health care districts treated just over 1 million
36 Medi-Cal beneficiaries, which represents 10 percent of the
37 statewide total of Medi-Cal beneficiaries; and

38 WHEREAS, Each health care district is uniquely tailored to the
39 specific needs of the community. Each health care district focuses
40 on the specific needs of the community in order to ensure that

1 necessary, quality health care services are being provided to the
2 community; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the essential
5 role that health care districts have in the State of California and
6 proclaims the month of May 2014 as Health Care District Month
7 in California; and be it further

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

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