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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 111

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 111, as amended, Levine. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. This measure would designate the month of March 2014 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
2 cancer deaths in California, with 14,255 new cases and 5,265
3 deaths expected in 2014; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is treatable, curable, and in many
5 cases, completely preventable; and

6 WHEREAS, When colorectal cancers are detected at an early
7 stage, survival is 95 percent; and

8 WHEREAS, There were approximately one million colorectal
9 cancer survivors in the United States in 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is known as a silent killer because
11 symptoms only show up in the later stages of the disease; and

12 WHEREAS, With proper screening, colorectal cancer can be
13 prevented or, if found early, treated and cured; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2010, only 51 percent of California adults 50
15 years and older had received colorectal cancer screening according
16 to the guidelines; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the United States Preventative
18 Services Task Force, access to appropriate use of colorectal cancer
19 screening tests, such as colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy, and fecal
20 occult blood test (FOBT)/fecal immunochemical test (FIT), could
21 reduce death rates of colon cancer up to 66 percent; and

22 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, in
23 2011, only about 45 percent of colorectal cancers were diagnosed
24 at an early, more treatable and curable stage; and

25 WHEREAS, The uninsured, underinsured, and underserved are
26 least likely to get screening for colorectal cancer, which means
27 they are more likely to be diagnosed at a late stage when chances
28 of survival drop to 13 percent; and

29 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer screening is one of the most
30 cost-effective prevention measures in health care, more
31 cost-effective than breast or prostate cancer screening; and

32 WHEREAS, African Americans have the highest colorectal
33 cancer incidence and mortality rates of all racial groups in this
34 country; and

35 WHEREAS, In California, colorectal cancer is the second most
36 common cancer among Korean, Hispanic, Japanese, South Asian,
37 Kampuchean, and Hmong men, and the second most common
38 cancer among Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Japanese, Korean,
39 Laotian, Vietnamese, and Kampuchean women; and

1 WHEREAS, The California Colorectal Cancer Coalition (C4)
2 is a nonprofit organization established to increase colorectal cancer
3 screening rates in an effort to decrease mortality associated with
4 the disease, and implement strategies to reduce disparities in
5 colorectal cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment among
6 underserved populations in California; and

7 WHEREAS, The California Colorectal Cancer Coalition (C4)
8 encourages Californians to discuss the colorectal cancer screening
9 test that is best for them with their doctors and believes that the
10 best test is the one you have done; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
13 March 2014 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and be it
14 further

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

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