

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 164

Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron

June 25, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to World Hepatitis Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 164, as introduced, Waldron. World Hepatitis Day.

This measure would proclaim July 28, 2014, as World Hepatitis Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Viral hepatitis, which is a group of diseases known
2 as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E, affects hundreds of millions of
3 people worldwide, causing acute and chronic liver disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Viral hepatitis is responsible for 1.4 million deaths
5 every year. Approximately 500 million people are currently living
6 with viral hepatitis and some 2 billion people have been infected
7 with the hepatitis B virus; and

8 WHEREAS, Most people with chronic hepatitis B and C are
9 unaware of their infection and are at serious risk of developing
10 chronic cirrhosis or liver cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, A federal program and federal funding is needed
12 to address the public health crisis of viral hepatitis, especially
13 hepatitis C; and

14 WHEREAS, Every year on July 28, the World Health
15 Organization (WHO) and partners observe World Hepatitis Day

1 to increase awareness and understanding of viral hepatitis and the
2 diseases that viral hepatitis causes; and

3 WHEREAS, In April 2014, the WHO issued new
4 recommendations on treatment of Hepatitis C and in May 2014,
5 the World Health Assembly delegates from 194 governments
6 adopted a resolution to improve prevention, diagnosis, and
7 treatment of viral hepatitis; and

8 WHEREAS, World Hepatitis Day provides an opportunity for
9 communities to focus on specific actions, such as strengthening
10 prevention, screening, and control of viral hepatitis and its related
11 diseases, and increasing hepatitis B vaccine coverage; now,
12 therefore be it

13 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
14 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims July 28, 2014,
15 as World Hepatitis Day in California; and be it further

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