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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 171

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilk

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 171—Relative to Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 171, as amended, Wilk. Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month.

This measure would declare September 2014 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) is one of the
2 most commonly inherited neurological disorders, affecting

1 approximately 1 in 2,500 people in the United States and 2.6
2 million people worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, CMT affects both motor and sensory nerves with
4 symptoms that may include muscle weakness in the foot and lower
5 leg, foot deformities, frequent tripping or falls, and muscle
6 weakness in the hands; and

7 WHEREAS, CMT is one of 40 diseases covered by the Muscular
8 Dystrophy Association, but unlike muscular dystrophy, in which
9 the defect is in the muscles, CMT is a disorder in which the defect
10 is in the nerves that control the muscles; and

11 WHEREAS, The onset of CMT symptoms typically begins in
12 adolescence or early adulthood, but some individuals develop
13 symptoms in mid-adulthood, with the severity of symptoms varying
14 among individuals and pain ranging from mild to severe; and

15 WHEREAS, Although physical therapy, occupational therapy,
16 and moderate physical activity are beneficial in treating CMT, and
17 sometimes CMT is surgically treated, currently there is no cure
18 for CMT; and

19 WHEREAS, The Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association is dedicated
20 to supporting the development of new drugs to treat CMT in order
21 to improve the quality of life of people with CMT, and ultimately,
22 to find a cure for this disease; and

23 WHEREAS, Dedicating a month to increase awareness of CMT,
24 its symptoms and the obstacles faced by individuals and families
25 affected by the disorder would be highly beneficial; now, therefore,
26 be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring,* That September 2014 be declared
29 Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month; and be it further

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