

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 29

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to Cancer Prevention Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 17, Anderson. Cancer Prevention Week.

This measure would designate April 7 to 13, 2013, inclusive, as Cancer Prevention Week, and would encourage individuals to participate in the Cancer Prevention Study - 3.

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study - 3 is recruiting 300,000 adults across the United States to help better understand the genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, more than 1,342,000 people will live with a history of cancer, nearly 144,800 will be diagnosed with cancer, and nearly 55,500 will die of cancer; and

WHEREAS, From 1988 to 2010, cancer incidence rates in California declined by 9 percent; and

WHEREAS, Despite these improvements, nearly one in two Californians born today will develop cancer at some point in their lives, and it is likely that one in five will die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, The exact reasons why one individual develops cancer, and another individual with very similar life experiences does not, are beyond scientific understanding. Just as there are many different types of cancers, there are many factors that contribute to an individual's risk of developing cancer; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study - 3 is to better understand those factors that contribute to cancer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the week of April 7 to 13, 2013, as "Cancer Prevention Week," and encourages individuals to participate in the Cancer Prevention Study - 3; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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