

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 33

Introduced by Senator Gaines

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 33, as amended, Gaines. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate September 2013 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed
- 2 cancer in men aside from skin cancer and the second leading cause
- 3 of cancer death in men aside from lung cancer; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
- 5 in six men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime with an

1 estimated 238,590 new cases of the disease in the United States
2 predicted for 2013, which would result in an estimated 29,720
3 deaths; and

4 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
5 cancer among men in most racial and ethnic groups. African
6 American men are 45 percent more likely to develop this disease
7 than non-Hispanic white men and 58 percent more likely than
8 Hispanic men; and

9 WHEREAS, In California, approximately 20,430 men are
10 predicted to be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2013, and, of
11 this number, approximately 3,085 men are predicted to die of this
12 disease; and

13 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when
14 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early but drops to 28
15 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

16 WHEREAS, Early stages of prostate cancer usually do not have
17 symptoms and genetic predisposition may be responsible for 5 to
18 10 percent of prostate cancer cases; and

19 WHEREAS, Recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed
20 meat or dairy foods may increase the risk of prostate cancer, while
21 obesity may contribute to an increased risk of more aggressive
22 forms of the disease; and

23 WHEREAS, Obesity and smoking are associated with an
24 increased risk of dying from prostate cancer; and

25 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that
26 all men be given sufficient information on both the benefits and
27 limitations of early detection and testing for prostate cancer to
28 allow each man to make a decision based on his personal values
29 and preferences; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates September
32 2013 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of
33 California and encourages public officials and citizens of California
34 to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs;
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
37 nation to increase awareness of the importance of each man making
38 an informed decision with his health care provider with regard to
39 early detection and testing for prostate cancer; and be it further

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

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