

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 63

Introduced by Senator Hernandez

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July 11, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to National Health Center Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 63, as amended, Hernandez. National Health Center Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of August 11 through August 17, 2013, as National Health Center Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Community clinics and health centers have been
2 at the core of the nation's health care safety net, serving anyone
3 and everyone who walks through their doors, regardless of ability
4 to pay, and they are the medical homes for more than 22 million
5 needy and uninsured patients; and

1 WHEREAS, According to multiple government, academic, and
2 private studies, community clinics and health centers have been
3 proven to be the most cost-effective health care providers in the
4 field, saving nearly \$24 billion annually by keeping patients out
5 of costlier health care settings, such as emergency rooms; and

6 WHEREAS, Community clinics and health centers are private,
7 nonprofit corporations. The majority of their boards of directors,
8 by law, must be their patients and consumers, and their services
9 are funded primarily through public programs such as Medicaid,
10 federal grants, and state initiatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Community clinics and health centers in California
12 and throughout the nation have led the movement for a fair and
13 equitable health care system, treating medically underserved
14 populations in medically underserved areas, reaching into the inner
15 city, the most rural, and the most geographically isolated
16 communities; and

17 WHEREAS, In California, more than five million low-income
18 families, children, seniors, women, non-English speakers, people
19 of color, and homeless individuals currently receive comprehensive
20 primary care services at more than 900 community clinics and
21 health centers throughout the state; and

22 WHEREAS, Primary care at California community clinics and
23 health centers involves a wide range of services, including
24 preventive care, chronic disease management, well child, dental,
25 pharmaceutical, immunization, mental health, substance abuse,
26 breast cancer, nutrition, family planning, and pregnancy-related
27 services, all of which are provided with particular sensitivity to
28 language and cultural competency; and

29 WHEREAS, California's community clinics and health centers
30 have the major responsibility for providing health care services to
31 the state's most disadvantaged families and individuals, will be at
32 the forefront in implementing the national Patient Protection and
33 Affordable Care Act, and are preparing to serve up to an additional
34 1.4 million newly eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the act,
35 as well as the several million persons who will remain uninsured;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, California's and the nation's community clinics
38 and health centers deserve to be recognized and acknowledged for
39 their valuable services to their communities and the state, their
40 cost-effective delivery of primary health care services to the most

1 vulnerable populations, and their leadership in working for fair
2 and equitable health care reform; and

3 WHEREAS, The federal government, many other states, and
4 local communities in all 50 states have observed and celebrated
5 an annual National Health Center Week for 30 years; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
8 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature joins in proclaiming the
9 week of August 11 through August 17, 2013, as National Health
10 Center Week; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends California's
12 community clinics and health centers for their valuable
13 contributions to the state, their communities, and the populations
14 they serve and urges the Members of the Legislature to visit their
15 local community clinics and health centers in observance of
16 National Health Center Week; and be it further

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