

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 135

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 149

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 135—Relative to National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 135, Evans. National Massage Therapy Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of October 19, 2014, to October 25, 2014, inclusive, as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California.

WHEREAS, Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and is increasingly part of integrated health care; and

WHEREAS, Consumers are spending in excess of \$12 billion to \$17 billion annually on massage therapy, and more insurance companies are covering it; and

WHEREAS, Therapeutic massage can benefit people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, A growing body of clinical research shows that massage therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues, including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis, back pain, muscle injury and soreness, headaches, and maintaining good health; and

WHEREAS, California regulates the massage therapy profession and massage therapists must meet the legal requirements to practice, which may include minimum hours of initial training and passing an examination in order to ensure patient safety; and

WHEREAS, Massage therapists consistently provide consumer and professional education information on massage and help consumers and health professionals locate qualified massage therapists in their area; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the week of October 19, 2014, to October 25, 2014, inclusive, as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California; 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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