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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas
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February 11, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 23, as amended, Salas. AED Awareness Week.

This measure would designate the week of February 22 through 28, 2015, as Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, AED is an acronym used as an abbreviation for
2 Automated External Defibrillator; and
3 WHEREAS, AEDs are portable medical devices that use
4 electrodes to automatically analyze and detect cardiac arrhythmia
5 of sudden cardiac arrest patients; and
6 WHEREAS, AEDs are able to produce a shock that stops the
7 heart and allows it to return to a normal rhythm, a process called
8 defibrillation; and
9 WHEREAS, AEDs are used in the event of a sudden cardiac
10 arrest, which is a condition in which the heart suddenly stops
11 pumping blood and quivers erratically; and
12 WHEREAS, About 360,000 cases of sudden cardiac arrest occur
13 yearly, typically without any warning signs; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 7,000 children and young adults
2 experience sudden cardiac arrest in the United States each year;
3 and

4 ~~WHEREAS, Olivia Ruiz and Caleb Hannink, both Centennial~~
5 ~~High School students in Bakersfield, and Jose Beltran from Cecil~~
6 ~~Middle School in Delano, died from sudden cardiac arrest in 2004,~~
7 ~~2012, and 2015, respectively, without an AED present on the~~
8 ~~campus; and~~

9 WHEREAS, A person currently has about a 5 percent chance
10 of surviving an incident of cardiac arrest, which decreases by 7 to
11 10 percent with every minute that passes after a person's heart
12 stops beating; and

13 WHEREAS, Optimal AED placement allows a person to grab
14 the AED and return to the victim within 90 seconds; and

15 WHEREAS, Given that a person's chances of surviving a sudden
16 cardiac arrest decrease so rapidly, it is important that Californians
17 are aware of the importance of AEDs and their life-saving potential;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring,* That the week of February 22 through 28,
21 2015, be designated as Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
22 Awareness Week in California; and be it further

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