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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

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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 June 1 through June 7, 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

14 WHEREAS, More than 7,000 children and young adults
15 experience sudden cardiac arrest in the United States each year;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The interval between a 911 call and the arrival of
18 emergency medical services personnel is typically longer than five
19 minutes and achieving high survival rates therefore depends on
20 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED use; and

21 WHEREAS, The window of opportunity for using an AED is
22 very small. Defibrillation is more successful if performed within
23 five minutes of the cardiac arrest. Studies show that the chances
24 of survival decrease 7 to 10 percent with every minute that passes
25 after the person's heart stops beating; and

26 WHEREAS, Optimal AED placement allows a person to grab
27 the AED and return to the victim; and

28 WHEREAS, Given that a person's chances of surviving a sudden
29 cardiac arrest decrease so rapidly, it is important that Californians
30 are aware of the importance of AEDs and their life-saving potential;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association, the American
33 Red Cross, and the National Safety Council prepare related public
34 awareness and training campaigns on cardiopulmonary
35 resuscitation and AED use, to be held during the first week in June
36 of each year; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring*, That the week of June 1 through June 7, 2015,
39 be designated as Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
40 Awareness Week in California; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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