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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

March 18, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 48, as amended, Cooley. Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of March 2015 and each year thereafter as Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month, and would encourage public officials and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of, treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Each year, 2.5 million Americans sustain traumatic
2 brain injuries; and

3 WHEREAS, A traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in
4 roughly one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, 250,000 people in California sustain a
7 traumatic brain injury; and

8 WHEREAS, These injuries are largely the result of falls, motor
9 vehicle crashes, assaults, sporting-related injuries, or occupational
10 injuries; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 5.3 million Americans are living with
2 disabilities related to traumatic brain injury; and

3 *WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and*
4 *Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 3.8 million sports-*
5 *and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States*
6 *annually; and*

7 *WHEREAS, Significant national attention has been drawn to*
8 *this issue due to the prominence and visibility of scholarship that*
9 *has identified repeated concussions and brain injury as leading*
10 *to negative long-term health outcomes; and*

11 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of
12 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for
13 members of the military and their families; and

14 ~~WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and~~
15 ~~Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 3.8 million sports-~~
16 ~~and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States~~
17 ~~annually; and~~

18 WHEREAS, The Federal Traumatic Brain Injury
19 Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-196) has provided
20 new authority for the CDC to review brain injury management in
21 children, and to identify ongoing and potential opportunities for
22 research; and

23 WHEREAS, Research, treatment, and support help speed
24 recovery from a traumatic brain injury; and

25 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California offers
26 education and support to individuals with traumatic brain injury
27 and their families to help those individuals integrate into the
28 community and live as independently as possible; and

29 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California has
30 designated March as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote
31 public awareness on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment,
32 and prevention of traumatic brain injury, and to remind people
33 with traumatic brain injuries and their families that they are not
34 alone; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the month of*
37 *March 2015, and each year thereafter, as Brain Injury Awareness,*
38 *Treatment, and Prevention Month, and encourages public officials*
39 *and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate*
40 *activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of,*

1 treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries;
2 and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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7 **CORRECTIONS:** _____

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