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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 64

Introduced by Assembly Member Santiago

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May 5, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 64—Relative to Asthma Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 64, as amended, Santiago. Asthma Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2015 as Asthma Awareness Month in order to increase awareness and understanding about asthma and educate those with the disease on the treatments available and the methods of preventing attacks.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Approximately five million Californians have been
2 diagnosed with asthma at some point in their lives, and almost
3 three million currently have asthma; and

4 WHEREAS, Asthma is responsible for approximately 400
5 deaths, 35,000 hospital discharges, and 180,000 emergency
6 department visits annually in California; and

7 WHEREAS, Lifetime and current asthma prevalence is highest
8 among children 5 to 17 years of age and about 30 percent higher
9 than among adults; and

10 WHEREAS, Asthma prevalence is higher among African
11 Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Puerto Ricans,
12 European Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos; and

13 WHEREAS, Although people of all incomes have similar asthma
14 prevalence, people with lower incomes have more poorly controlled
15 asthma and higher rates of emergency department visits and
16 hospitalizations; and

17 WHEREAS, Asthma results in an estimated 11.8 million days
18 of work or usual activities missed per year among adults and 1.2
19 million days of school or day care missed per year among children;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, An estimated 19.4 percent of adults and 4.7 percent
22 of children with current asthma were uninsured at some point in
23 the past year; and

24 WHEREAS, Total charges for asthma hospitalizations in 2010
25 were over \$1 billion, and intervention to prevent repeat
26 hospitalizations could have saved \$156 million in these medical
27 costs; and

28 WHEREAS, It is important that every person with asthma be
29 diagnosed, receive appropriate treatment, learn how to manage his
30 or her asthma, and reduce exposure to environmental factors that
31 make his or her asthma worse; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
34 month of May 2015 as Asthma Awareness Month in order to
35 increase awareness and understanding about asthma and educate
36 those with the disease on the treatments available and the methods
37 of preventing attacks; 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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