

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 68**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Steinorth**

May 11, 2015

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 68, as introduced, Steinorth. Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2015 as “Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.”

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, with  
2 the exception of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly  
3 diagnosed cancer among American women; and

4 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as the  
5 leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 24,985 women and 200 men are  
7 diagnosed with breast cancer in California each year, and  
8 approximately 4,280 women and 35 men die of the disease; and

9 WHEREAS, The number of women who die of breast cancer  
10 each year in California constitutes one-tenth of the number of  
11 women who die of breast cancer in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, The chance of a woman having invasive breast  
13 cancer in her lifetime is about 1 in 8, and the chance of dying from  
14 breast cancer is about 1 in 36; and

1 WHEREAS, The risk of getting breast cancer increases with  
2 age; and

3 WHEREAS, Earlier detection of breast cancer through  
4 mammography and self-examination increases chances of  
5 successful treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, With early detection and proper treatment, the  
7 five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer has increased from  
8 72 percent in the 1940s to 89.2 percent today. However, once the  
9 cancer spreads beyond the breast, the survival rate drops to a mere  
10 25 percent even with modern treatments and technologies; and

11 WHEREAS, The United State preventive Services Task Force  
12 recommends that women between 50 and 74 years of age should  
13 have a breast examination by a health expert every two years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mammography is the single most effective method  
15 of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical  
16 symptoms, detectable lumps, or abnormalities can be felt; and

17 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all Californians to join  
18 this continuing battle against breast cancer by promoting greater  
19 awareness of the need for early detection, appropriate treatment,  
20 and the importance of finding a cure, as well as a means of  
21 prevention now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the month of October 2015 is hereby  
24 declared “Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month” in  
25 California; and be it further

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