

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 85**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon**

June 10, 2015

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to medically fragile foster care children.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 85, as introduced, Gordon. Medically fragile foster care children.

This measure would designate November 2015 as a month to raise awareness about the issue of medically fragile foster care children and the actions that every Californian can take to make a positive difference in these children's lives.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Over 60,000 California children are currently in  
2 the foster care system; and

3 WHEREAS, A certain subset of the foster care population are  
4 medically fragile children, who are children with physical or  
5 intellectual disabilities or both that require an increased level of  
6 care and support; and

7 WHEREAS, The number of foster care children placements,  
8 both short term and long term, currently far exceeds the availability  
9 of foster care parents, making it a challenge to provide foster care  
10 homes for all who need them, and this shortage has reached crisis  
11 proportions in some parts of the state; and

1 WHEREAS, It is particularly difficult to place medically fragile  
2 foster care children due to the increased level of care they need;  
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4 WHEREAS, Every child deserves the opportunity to achieve  
5 his or her fullest potential in a safe, stable, and loving environment;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, There are California families who are stepping up  
8 to make a difference for medically fragile foster care children by  
9 opening their hearts, homes, and lives, but many more are needed;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, If greater awareness is raised about this vulnerable  
12 foster care population and the ways that ordinary Californians can  
13 make a difference, this crisis will begin to be averted; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares November 2015  
17 as a month to raise awareness about the issue of medically fragile  
18 foster care children and the actions that every Californian can take  
19 to make a positive difference in these children’s lives; and be it  
20 further

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