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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 85

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

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June 10, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 85, as amended, Gordon. Medically fragile foster care children and adoptive placement children.

This measure would designate November 2015 as a month to raise awareness about the issue of medically fragile foster care children and adoptive placement 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 and adoptive placements
8 currently far exceeds the availability of foster care and adoptive
9 parents, making it a challenge to provide foster care and adoptive
10 placement homes for all who need them, and this shortage has
11 reached crisis proportions in some parts of the state; and

12 WHEREAS, It is particularly difficult to place medically fragile
13 foster care children and adoptive placement children due to the
14 increased level of care they need; and

15 WHEREAS, Every child deserves the opportunity to achieve
16 his or her fullest potential in a safe, stable, and loving environment;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, There are California families who are stepping up
19 to make a difference for medically fragile foster care children by
20 opening their hearts, homes, and lives, but many more are needed;
21 and

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

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares November 2015
28 as a month to raise awareness about the issue of medically fragile
29 foster care children and adoptive placement children and the actions
30 that every Californian can take to make a positive difference in
31 these children’s lives; and be it further

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