

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 141

Introduced by Assembly Members Wood and McCarty
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 141—Relative to Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 141, as introduced, Wood. Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of March 7, 2016, through March 13, 2016, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The week of March 7, 2016, through March 13,
2 2016, has been declared Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in
3 recognition of the importance of finding the cause of, and a cure
4 for, multiple sclerosis and to express appreciation to the National
5 Multiple Sclerosis Society and its California chapters; and
6 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
7 central nervous system that affects an estimated 400,000 Americans
8 across the country, and nearly 200 new cases are diagnosed each
9 week nationwide; and
10 WHEREAS, More than 40,000 people in California are affected
11 by this devastating disease; and
12 WHEREAS, Twice as many women as men have multiple
13 sclerosis and most are diagnosed between 20 and 50 years of age,
14 and while studies indicate genetic factors make certain individuals

1 more susceptible than others, there is no evidence that multiple
2 sclerosis is directly inherited; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, founded
4 in 1946, funds more research, offers more services for people with
5 multiple sclerosis, and provides more professional education
6 programs than any other multiple sclerosis organization in the
7 world. Through its 50-state network of chapters, the society serves
8 more than one million people annually; and

9 WHEREAS, The society is the largest private supporter of
10 multiple sclerosis research in the world, and for more than 55 years
11 it has funded innovative research and advocated for government
12 support of important scientific inquiries; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the California chapters of
14 the society have been committed to heightening public knowledge
15 and insight, and are currently planning several major statewide
16 educational programs to raise awareness about the effects of
17 multiple sclerosis; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the week of
20 March 7, 2016, through March 13, 2016, as Multiple Sclerosis
21 Awareness Week, and that the residents of the State of California
22 are encouraged to join together in raising awareness and
23 heightening public knowledge of this debilitating disease; and be
24 it further

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