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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 141**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Wood and McCarty**  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Nielsen)

February 18, 2016

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 141—Relative to Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

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

This measure would declare the week of March 7, 2016, through ~~March 13, 2015~~, *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, *of and a cure for* multiple sclerosis and to express appreciation  
5 to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and its California  
6 chapters; and  
7 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the  
8 central nervous system that affects an estimated 400,000 Americans  
9 across the country, and nearly 200 new cases are diagnosed each  
10 week nationwide; and  
11 WHEREAS, More than 40,000 people in California are affected  
12 by this devastating disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Twice as many women as men have multiple  
2 sclerosis and most are diagnosed between 20 and 50 years of age,  
3 and while studies indicate genetic factors make certain individuals  
4 more susceptible than others, there is no evidence that multiple  
5 sclerosis is directly inherited; and

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

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

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

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

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