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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 amended, 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
15 more susceptible than others, there is no evidence that multiple
16 sclerosis is directly inherited; and

17 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, founded
18 in 1946, funds more research, offers more services for people with
19 multiple sclerosis, and provides more professional education
20 programs than any other multiple sclerosis organization in the
21 world. Through its 50-state network of chapters, the society serves
22 more than one million people annually; and

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

27 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the California chapters of
28 the society have been committed to heightening public knowledge
29 and insight, and are currently planning several major statewide
30 educational programs to raise awareness about the effects of
31 multiple sclerosis; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the week of
34 March 7, 2016, through March 13, 2016, as Multiple Sclerosis
35 Awareness Week, and that the residents of the State of California
36 are encouraged to join together in raising awareness and
37 heightening public knowledge of this debilitating disease; and be
38 it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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