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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 169

Introduced by Assembly Member Dahle

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April 13, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 169—Relative to Health Care District Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 169, as amended, Dahle. Health Care District Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2016 as Health Care District Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Health care districts were created after World War
- 2 II to address a shortage of access to acute hospital care for many
- 3 areas of the state, particularly the rural areas of California; and

1 WHEREAS, The first health care district was formed in 1946
2 and the first district hospital opened in 1947; and

3 WHEREAS, Today there are 78 health care districts in
4 California; 40 health care districts currently operate 43 district
5 hospitals; and

6 WHEREAS, Their primary mission has not changed, which is
7 to provide health services to the communities that created them;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, District hospitals make up 26 of the state's rural
10 hospitals and 20 of the state's critical access hospitals; and

11 WHEREAS, District hospitals provided \$71 million in charity
12 care in 2013, offering financial support to community programs
13 focused on the health and well-being of the children and adults in
14 the districts; and

15 WHEREAS, Fifty health care districts operate in a health
16 professional shortage area, a medically underserved area, or a
17 medically underserved population; and

18 WHEREAS, Health care districts collectively provide the
19 following services: acute care, emergency care, skilled nursing or
20 long-term care, community and rural health clinics, ambulance
21 services, adult day care, senior housing and nutritional support,
22 chronic disease management, health education, medical
23 transportation, home health, and hospice; and

24 WHEREAS, Health care districts cover 49,354 square miles of
25 the state, provide services in 40 counties, employ around 32,000
26 employees, and see more than 4,000,000 patient visits annually;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Health care districts are formed by the will of the
29 people, with board members elected and accountable to their
30 communities. Health care districts are often supported in part by
31 local tax dollars to improve community health; and

32 WHEREAS, Health care districts serve as an integral part of
33 the safety net for the state's underinsured or uninsured; and

34 WHEREAS, In 2013, health care districts treated approximately
35 1.4 million Medi-Cal beneficiaries, or 9 percent of the statewide
36 total; and

37 WHEREAS, Each health care district is uniquely focused on
38 the specific needs of the community it serves; and

39 WHEREAS, Health care districts utilize a varying revenue
40 stream, workforce size, services offered, and geographic locations

1 to cater to the health services most needed by their communities;
2 now, therefore, be it
3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
5 May 2016 as Health Care District Month; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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