

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 173

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley
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April 19, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 173—Relative to Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 173, as introduced, Cooley. Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

This measure would recognize the month of June 2016 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month, would recognize June 21, 2016, as The Longest Day in California, and would urge all residents to wear purple on this day to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer’s Association’s vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer’s disease.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The month of June 2016 has been declared
- 2 Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month to help spread awareness
- 3 of this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to
- 4 combat its human and economic costs; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 21, 2016, has been
- 6 declared The Longest Day, with teams around the world coming
- 7 together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people
- 8 facing Alzheimer’s disease with a day of activity and advocacy;
- 9 and

1 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease, a progressive
2 neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of
3 their memories and leads to mental and physical impairments; and

4 WHEREAS, California has more residents living with
5 Alzheimer’s disease than any other state in the nation and the
6 state’s population is projected to grow by 38 percent in the next
7 decade reaching 840,000 individuals affected by 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, California’s Medi-Cal program this year will spend
9 over \$3.3 billion on skilled nursing care and home and
10 community-based supports for beneficiaries living with
11 Alzheimer’s disease, quickly climbing to \$5 billion in Medi-Cal
12 spending within 10 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is always fatal and today it is
14 the fifth leading cause of death in California; and

15 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a family disease impacting
16 1.6 million California spouses, partners, children, siblings, and
17 other relatives who provide unpaid assistance to a loved one; and

18 WHEREAS, California caregivers devote 1.8 billion hours of
19 unpaid assistance to family members valued at over \$22 billion in
20 nongovernment financial support; and

21 WHEREAS, On average, a person with Alzheimer’s disease
22 lives four to eight years after diagnosis, but can live as long as 20
23 years, depending on other factors; and

24 WHEREAS, Individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and
25 their caregivers need acknowledgment, support, and services to
26 meet their needs over the lengthy progression of Alzheimer’s
27 disease and related dementias; now, therefor, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
30 June 2016 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month, recognizes
31 June 21, 2016, as The Longest Day in California, and urges all
32 residents to wear purple on this day to help spread global awareness
33 of the Alzheimer’s Association’s vision of imagining a world
34 without Alzheimer’s disease; and be it further

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

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