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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 173

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

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Frazier, Beth Gaines, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gatto,
Gipson, Gomez, Gonzalez, Gordon, Gray, Grove, Hadley, Harper,
Holden, Irwin, Jones, Jones-Sawyer, Kim, Lackey, Levine, Linder,
Lopez, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Mayes, McCarty, Medina,
Melendez, Mullin, Nazarian, Obernolte, O'Donnell, Olsen,
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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 amended, 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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a family disease impacting
25 1.6 million California spouses, partners, children, siblings, and
26 other relatives who provide unpaid assistance to a loved one; and

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

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

33 WHEREAS, Individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and
34 their caregivers need acknowledgment, support, and services to
35 meet their needs over the lengthy progression of Alzheimer’s
36 disease and related dementias; now, therefor, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
39 June 2016 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month, recognizes
40 June 21, 2016, as The Longest Day in California, and urges all

1 residents to wear purple on this day to help spread global awareness
2 of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world
3 without Alzheimer's disease; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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