

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 190

Introduced by Assembly Members Waldron and Gipson

May 26, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 190—Relative to HIV Testing Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 190, as introduced, Waldron. HIV Testing Day.

This measure would proclaim June 27, 2016, as HIV Testing Day in California and would encourage Californians to learn their HIV status.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 2014, the State Department of Public Health
2 reported 5,551 new HIV diagnoses in California; and
3 WHEREAS, As of June 30, 2014, the cumulative number of
4 HIV-positive cases in California reached 50,955, and the
5 cumulative number of HIV/AIDS cases reached 169,588; and
6 WHEREAS, As of June 30, 2014, Whites represented 50.4
7 percent of all cumulative HIV-positive and HIV/AIDS cases in
8 California, Hispanics represented 27.2 percent, Blacks represented
9 17.7 percent, and Asians/Pacific Islanders represented 3 percent;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, From 2009 to 2014, inclusive, the proportion of
12 Latinos and Asians/Pacific Islanders in California who made up
13 new HIV diagnoses increased; and
14 WHEREAS, In California, African Americans are
15 disproportionately represented among those diagnosed with HIV;
16 and

1 WHEREAS, In 2014, five states, including California, made up
2 almost half of all new HIV diagnoses in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 1.2 million people in the United States
4 are living with an HIV infection, and that number grows by almost
5 50,000 each year; and

6 WHEREAS, One in seven people with HIV do not know that
7 they are infected, and three in 10 new HIV infections in the United
8 States are transmitted by people who do not know that they are
9 infected; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 90 percent of new HIV infections in
11 the United States could be prevented by testing and diagnosing
12 people who have HIV and ensuring that they receive prompt and
13 ongoing care and treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, National HIV Testing Day is held on June 27,
15 2016, and should serve as an opportunity to raise awareness about
16 the importance of HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV; now,
17 therefore be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance
20 of getting tested for HIV; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature proclaims June 27, 2016, as HIV
22 Testing Day in California and encourages Californians to get the
23 facts and to learn their HIV status; and be it further

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