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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 190

Introduced by Assembly Members Waldron and Gipson

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May 26, 2016

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 190, as amended, 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

1 WHEREAS, As of June 30, 2014, the cumulative number of
2 HIV-positive cases in California reached 50,955, and the
3 cumulative number of HIV/AIDS cases reached 169,588; and

4 WHEREAS, As of June 30, 2014, Whites represented 50.4
5 percent of all cumulative HIV-positive and HIV/AIDS cases in
6 California, Hispanics represented 27.2 percent, Blacks represented
7 17.7 percent, and Asians/Pacific Islanders represented 3 percent;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, From 2009 to 2014, inclusive, the proportion of
10 Latinos and Asians/Pacific Islanders in California who made up
11 new HIV diagnoses increased; and

12 WHEREAS, In California, African Americans are
13 disproportionately represented among those diagnosed with HIV;
14 and

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

17 WHEREAS, More than 1.2 million people in the United States
18 are living with an HIV infection, and that number grows by almost
19 50,000 each year; and

20 WHEREAS, One in seven people with HIV do not know that
21 they are infected, and three in 10 new HIV infections in the United
22 States are transmitted by people who do not know that they are
23 infected; and

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

28 WHEREAS, National HIV Testing Day is held on June 27,
29 2016, and should serve as an opportunity to raise awareness about
30 the importance of HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV; now,
31 therefore be it

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

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature proclaims June 27, 2016, as HIV
36 Testing Day in California and encourages Californians to get the
37 facts and to learn their HIV status; and be 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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