

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 194**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Low**

June 8, 2016

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 194—Relative to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

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ACR 194, as introduced, Low. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of September 2016 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and state the commitment of the Legislature to support efforts to find cures for, and achieve prevention of, childhood cancer.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Cancer is a leading cause of death by disease  
2 among children in this country; and

3 WHEREAS, Many children in California are afflicted with  
4 cancer, experiencing enormous pain and suffering, and they and  
5 their families require extraordinary levels of information and  
6 support in their struggles against this disease; and

7 WHEREAS, Peer support services have proven to significantly  
8 improve the quality of life for children diagnosed with cancer and  
9 their families, including summer and seasonal camps, such as  
10 Camp Okizu, Camp Summer Sault, Seany's Camp Reach for the  
11 Sky, and the World's Greatest Camp; and,

12 WHEREAS, Successful prevention and treatment of many types  
13 of childhood cancer have not yet been achieved; and

1       WHEREAS, The conquest of cancer, a complex and intractable  
2 foe, requires a high level of commitment in order to provide the  
3 necessary resources and research; and  
4       WHEREAS, California has many of the world’s finest medical,  
5 academic, and commercial institutions, and must continue as a  
6 leader in the fight against this terrible disease; and  
7       WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of this major public  
8 health problem is a crucial step toward finding solutions; and  
9       WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an  
10 important nationwide tool for raising awareness among  
11 governmental officials and the public about the nature and scope  
12 of this problem; now, therefore, be it  
13       *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
14 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes and  
15 declares September 2016 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month;  
16 and be it further  
17       *Resolved,* That the Legislature is committed to supporting efforts  
18 to find cures for, and achieve prevention of, childhood cancer; and  
19 be it further  
20       *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
21 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.