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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 194

Introduced by Assembly Member Low
(Coauthor: Senator Hill)

June 8, 2016

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 194, as amended, 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 *been* proven to
8 significantly improve the quality of life for children diagnosed
9 with cancer and their families, including summer and seasonal
10 camps, such as Camp Okizu, ~~Camp Summer Sault~~, *Summersault*,
11 Seany’s Camp Reach for the Sky, and the World’s Greatest Camp;
12 ~~and~~, *and*

1 *WHEREAS, Psychosocial services, such as those provided by*
2 *Kids Cancer Connection and American Cancer Fund for Children,*
3 *have been demonstrated to improve the morale and quality of life*
4 *of these courageous children and their families; and*

5 *WHEREAS, Successful prevention and treatment of many types*
6 *of childhood cancer have not yet been achieved; and*

7 *WHEREAS, The conquest of cancer, a complex and intractable*
8 *foe, requires a high level of commitment in order to provide the*
9 *necessary resources and research; and*

10 *WHEREAS, California has many of the world's finest medical,*
11 *academic, and commercial institutions, and must continue as a*
12 *leader in the fight against this terrible disease; and*

13 *WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of this major public*
14 *health problem is a crucial step toward finding solutions; and*

15 *WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an*
16 *important nationwide tool for raising awareness among*
17 *governmental officials and the public about the nature and scope*
18 *of this problem; now, therefore, be it*

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes and*
21 *declares September 2016 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month;*
22 *and be it further*

23 *Resolved, That the Legislature is committed to supporting efforts*
24 *to find cures for, and achieve prevention of, childhood cancer; and*
25 *be it further*

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