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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 199

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

June 21, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 199—Relative to Obesity Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 199, as amended, Bonta. Obesity Awareness Month.

This measure would annually proclaim the month of November as Obesity Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Obesity is recognized as a national ~~epidemic~~
2 *epidemic*, and each state must seek out all necessary means to fight
3 it; and

4 WHEREAS, More than one-third of adults in the United States
5 (34.9 percent), or approximately 111 million Americans, ~~are obese~~;
6 *have obesity*; and

7 WHEREAS, In California, nearly 60 percent of adults are
8 ~~considered overweight or obese~~ *have obesity* and one in four ~~are~~
9 ~~obese~~; *have obesity*; and

10 WHEREAS, Minorities in California are disproportionately
11 affected by obesity, with approximately 34.7 percent of African
12 Americans and 31.7 percent of Latinos considered ~~obese~~; *as having*
13 *obesity*; and

14 WHEREAS, Those without economic means are
15 disproportionately affected by obesity; 33 percent of those with

1 incomes of \$15,000 per year or less ~~are obese,~~ *have obesity*,
2 compared with 24.6 percent of those who make at least \$50,000
3 per year, while 33 percent of those not graduating high school ~~are~~
4 ~~obese~~ *have obesity*, compared ~~to~~ *with* 21.5 percent of those who
5 graduated college or technical college; and

6 WHEREAS, Obesity has been linked to many comorbidities
7 and chronic diseases, with the six most common and most costly
8 being type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, stroke,
9 arthritis, and certain types of cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Obesity is one of the largest drivers of health care
11 costs, with estimates ranging from \$147 billion to \$210 billion in
12 annual medically related costs as of 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of California paid approximately \$1.3
14 billion in obesity-related costs in Medi-Cal in 2013, and annual
15 costs of severe obesity ~~cost~~ *amounted to* \$9.1 billion in overall
16 health care costs in 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, The estimated medically related costs of adult
18 obesity are expected to rise to \$620 billion annually by 2030; and

19 WHEREAS, Obesity-related job absenteeism costs ~~United~~
20 ~~States'~~ *employers in the United States* at least \$4.3 billion annually,
21 taking a toll on the economy; and

22 WHEREAS, Almost every state that demonstrates a 5-percent
23 decrease in average body mass index will experience an
24 approximate ~~6.5 percent~~ *6.5-percent* to ~~7.9 percent~~ *7.9-percent*
25 reduction in overall health care costs over the next 5 to 10 years;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The American Medical Association (AMA) has
28 now recognized obesity as a chronic disease requiring a range of
29 medical interventions to advance obesity treatment and prevention,
30 and health professionals from a large and growing number of other
31 professional medical societies have signaled their support for the
32 AMA's decision to recognize obesity as a disease; and

33 WHEREAS, Significant innovations in treatment and medical
34 interventions, ~~including pharmacotherapy and other medical~~
35 ~~interventions,~~ *including, among others, pharmacotherapy*, have
36 been approved for the medical community in recent years; now,
37 therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
39 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
40 November ~~2016~~ *2016*, and ~~each year thereafter~~ *each November*

1 *thereafter*, as Obesity Awareness Month in California; and be it
2 further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature supports policies to reduce obesity
4 in California and the costs associated with the disease; and be it
5 further

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

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