

Introduced by Senator Nguyen

February 23, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 19, as introduced, Nguyen. Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Day.

This measure would proclaim February 28, 2015, as Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Day in coordination with Rare Disease Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, There are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions
2 that are considered rare and Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is one
3 of those diseases; and
4 WHEREAS, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is a serious disorder
5 causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and
6 WHEREAS, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis progresses quickly,
7 often causing disability or death within a few short years; and
8 WHEREAS, In many cases there is no identified cause of
9 Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis; and
10 WHEREAS, Approximately 132,000 people in the United States
11 are estimated to have Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis; and
12 WHEREAS, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis may be 5 to 10
13 times more prevalent than previously thought because Idiopathic
14 Pulmonary Fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under diagnosed;
15 and

1 WHEREAS, There is a need to increase awareness and detection
2 of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis by expanding education and
3 promoting access to quality care and services for this disease; and

4 WHEREAS, February 28, 2015, is Rare Disease Day in
5 California; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims February
8 28, 2015, as Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Day; and
9 be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.