
Introduced by Senators Mendoza and Hill

August 31, 2015

Senate Resolution No. 48—Relative to Massage Therapy Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and
2 is increasingly part of integrated health care; and
3 WHEREAS, Consumers are spending in excess of \$12 billion
4 to \$17 billion annually on massage therapy, and more insurance
5 companies are covering massage therapy; and
6 WHEREAS, Therapeutic massage can benefit people of all ages;
7 and
8 WHEREAS, A growing body of clinical research shows that
9 massage therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues,
10 including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis, back
11 pain, muscle injury and soreness, headaches, and maintaining good
12 health; and
13 WHEREAS, In order to ensure patient and public safety,
14 California regulates the massage therapy profession, and certified
15 massage therapists must comply with various legal requirements
16 in order to practice, including completing a certain minimum
17 number of hours of initial training and passing an examination;
18 and
19 WHEREAS, Massage therapists consistently provide consumer
20 and professional education information on massage and help
21 consumers and health professionals locate qualified massage
22 therapists in their area; now, therefore, be it
23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
24 proclaims the week of October 25, 2015, to October 31, 2015,

- 1 inclusive, as Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California;
- 2 and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.