

Introduced by Senator Gaines

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 76, as introduced, Gaines. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This measure would designate September 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed
- 2 cancer in men aside from skin cancer, and it is estimated that one
- 3 in seven men will develop this disease in his lifetime; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates there will
- 5 be 220,800 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in
- 6 2015, resulting in an estimated 27,540 deaths; and
- 7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 21,060 men in California will
- 8 be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and an estimated 3,180
- 9 California men will die from this disease; and
- 10 WHEREAS, African American men have the highest prostate
- 11 cancer incidence rates in the world, and their prostate cancer
- 12 mortality rate in the United States is more than twice that of any
- 13 other ethnic group of men; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms,
- 15 and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be
- 16 responsible for 5 percent to 10 percent of the disease cases; and

1 WHEREAS, Recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed
2 meat or dairy foods may be a risk factor, and obesity appears to
3 increase risk of aggressive prostate cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when
5 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 28
6 percent when it spreads to other parts of the body; and

7 WHEREAS, Treatment options for prostate cancer vary
8 depending on a man's age, stage, and grade of his cancer, as well
9 as his other existing medical conditions; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that a
11 man should have an opportunity to make an informed decision
12 about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on his personal
13 values and preferences; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims
16 September 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in
17 California; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Legislature joins communities across our
19 nation to increase awareness about the importance for men to make
20 informed decisions with their health care providers about early
21 detection and testing for prostate cancer; and be it further

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