

Senate Resolution No. 56

Introduced by Senator Bates

Relative to International Omphalocele Awareness Day

WHEREAS, An omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude into the umbilical cord and remain outside of the abdomen; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in about one out of every 5,000 pregnancies, and a large or giant omphalocele occurs in about one out of every 10,000 pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, An omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, Despite the challenges a baby born with an omphalocele may face, many babies who are born with an omphalocele survive and go on to live happy, healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles (MOO) is a group of over 1,400 parents from around the world that was created to provide hope, support, and information to families with babies diagnosed with an omphalocele; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate recognizes January 31, 2016, as International Omphalocele Awareness Day, celebrated annually as part of National Birth Defects Prevention Month in the month of January; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes Mothers of Omphaloceles for its courageous efforts to advocate for children born with an omphalocele and to raise awareness that an omphalocele is a treatable condition; and be it further

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

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Senate Resolution No. 56 read and adopted by the Senate January 28, 2016.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate