

Introduced by Senators McGuire, Bates, and Nguyen

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Senate Resolution No. 62—Relative to Stomach Cancer Awareness Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, Stomach cancer is among the cancers with the
- 2 lowest five-year survival rate; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Of the 24,500 new diagnoses each year in the
- 4 United States, 45 percent of patients die in the first year; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of stomach cancer patients are
- 6 diagnosed at stage IV, which has a 4 percent five-year survival
- 7 rate; and
- 8 WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 72,000 people in the
- 9 United States are currently living with stomach cancer; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Stomach cancer has increased by 70 percent in
- 11 young adults between 25 and 39 years of age since 1977; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The five-year relative survival rate for stomach
- 13 cancer is 29 percent, and stomach cancer mortality rates have
- 14 remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Stomach cancer is the third most common cause
- 16 of cancer-related deaths globally; and
- 17 WHEREAS, In 2014, \$1.8 billion was spent on care of stomach
- 18 cancer patients in the United States; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute invested only \$11.2
- 20 million to fund stomach cancer research in 2013; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Early detection is the key to surviving stomach
- 22 cancer; and
- 23 WHEREAS, A little-known inherited form of stomach cancer
- 24 carries up to an 80 percent risk that an individual will be diagnosed
- 25 with stomach cancer by age 80; and

1 WHEREAS, Lifestyle changes, such as smoking cessation,
2 eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, and maintaining a healthy
3 weight, can potentially reduce the risk of stomach cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Better patient and health care provider education
5 is needed for the timely recognition of stomach cancer risks and
6 symptoms; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California,* That the month
8 of November 2016 is designated Stomach Cancer Awareness
9 Month in the State of California; and be it further

10 *Resolved,* That the Senate encourages the people of the State of
11 California and interested groups to observe and support November
12 2016 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” through appropriate
13 programs and activities to promote public awareness of, and
14 potential treatments for, stomach cancer; and be if further

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