

Introduced by Senator Beall

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 122—Relative to Autism Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 122, as introduced, Beall. Autism Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month and would encourage residents to show support for autism awareness by lighting their homes, businesses, schools, and places of worship with blue light bulbs.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder
- 2 affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those
- 3 affected by it; and
- 4 WHEREAS, More children are being diagnosed on the autism
- 5 spectrum than ever before with diagnoses as high as one in 68
- 6 children nationally, and one in 42 boys; and
- 7 WHEREAS, There is no cure for autism, but it is
- 8 well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment
- 9 early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead
- 10 significantly improved lives; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of
- 12 specialized and community support services to ensure their health

1 and safety, and to support families’ resilience as they manage the
2 psychological and financial burdens autism presents; and

3 WHEREAS, Autism Speaks and autism services providers
4 throughout the state are organizing the Light It Up Blue campaign
5 and Autism Awareness Day in order to educate parents,
6 professionals, and the general public about autism and its impact;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In support of the Light It Up Blue campaign, nearly
9 3,000 iconic structures and landmarks, including the Empire State
10 Building in New York City and the Sydney Opera House in
11 Australia, in more than 600 United States cities and 70 countries
12 will shine a light on autism as a growing public health crisis by
13 being illuminated with blue light; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
16 April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents
17 to show support for autism awareness by lighting their homes,
18 businesses, schools, and places of worship with blue light bulbs
19 during the month of April; and be it further

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