

Introduced by Senator Bates

April 26, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 135—Relative to Arthritis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 135, as introduced, Bates. Arthritis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2016 as Arthritis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis includes more than 100 rheumatic diseases
2 and conditions that affect joints, tissues that surround joints, and
3 other connective tissue; and

4 WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem that is the
5 nation's leading cause of physical disability among Americans
6 and is most common among people with multiple chronic
7 conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, can
9 limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing, and can
10 even lead to death; and

11 WHEREAS, Arthritis affects an estimated 52.5 million American
12 adults living with some form of doctor-diagnosed arthritis,
13 representing 22.7 percent of adults in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, An estimated 300,000 children under 18 years of
15 age have a form of arthritis or rheumatic condition, representing
16 approximately 1 in every 250 children in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy more
2 than \$128 billion each year, \$81 billion in direct medical care costs
3 and \$47 billion in indirect costs; and

4 WHEREAS, In California, arthritis costs our state \$11.5 billion
5 annually; and

6 WHEREAS, In California there are more than 5.9 million people
7 living with arthritis, including 38,000 children; and

8 WHEREAS, In California, 43 percent of adults with diabetes
9 also have arthritis, 52 percent of adults with cardiovascular disease
10 also have arthritis, and 38 percent of adults with high blood
11 pressure also have arthritis; and

12 WHEREAS, Among working age adults with arthritis in
13 California, 43 percent have some work limitations due to their
14 arthritis; and

15 WHEREAS, An estimated 67 million adults 18 years of age and
16 older will have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature understands the extent
20 of, and sympathizes with, the severity of the impact of arthritis on
21 California; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of May
23 2016 as Arthritis Awareness Month and appreciates the efforts of
24 the Arthritis Foundation to seek access to care for all Californians;
25 and be it further

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