

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 135

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 50

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

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SCR 135, Bates. Arthritis Awareness Month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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