

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 66

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Perez

April 27, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 66—Relative to American Stroke Month 2009.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 66, as introduced, V. Manuel Perez. American Stroke Month 2009.

This measure would declare May 2009 to be American Stroke Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term
2 disability and the third leading cause of death in the United States,
3 killing approximately 145,000 people nationwide and
4 approximately 15,585 people in California each year; and
5 WHEREAS, The actions for American Stroke Month 2009 are
6 “Know the Stroke Warning Signs and Act in Time,” educate the
7 public and policymakers about the importance of recognizing a
8 stroke and acting quickly during a stroke emergency, promote the
9 program “Together Against Stroke” to reduce stroke in the Latino
10 community, and promote the program “Power to End Stroke” to
11 reduce stroke in African Americans, who are at particularly high
12 risk of stroke, by empowering them to reduce their risk, recognize
13 the warning signs, and respond quickly; and
14 WHEREAS, Warning signs of stroke include, but are not limited
15 to, sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg,

1 especially on one side of the body, sudden trouble seeing in one
2 or both eyes, sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding,
3 sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination,
4 and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

5 WHEREAS, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and
6 warning signs for stroke now than they have been in the past, but
7 two in five adults cannot identify any symptoms; and

8 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed
9 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes,
10 but more research is needed; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 2009 to be
13 American Stroke Month in California; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
15 familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke,
16 to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at
17 the first signs of a stroke, to dial 911 immediately in order to begin
18 to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population; and
19 be it further

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