

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 180**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Beall**

August 2, 2010

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 180—Relative to Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 180, as introduced, Beall. Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

This measure would recognize September 2010 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in California, in order to raise awareness of the importance of substance use disorders treatment and to help those suffering from substance use disorders and their families to receive treatment.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, Substance use disorders impact 3.4 million people,  
2     12 years of age or older, in California, or approximately 9.5 percent  
3     of the population. Alcohol abuse or dependence is more common  
4     than abuse or dependence on any other drug; and  
5     WHEREAS, Studies have consistently found that individualized  
6     treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of  
7     recovery; and  
8     WHEREAS, Treatment and long-term recovery from substance  
9     use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who  
10    are addicted, and their family members; and

1 WHEREAS, People who receive treatment for substance use  
2 disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, both  
3 personally and professionally; and

4 WHEREAS, Real stories of long-term recovery can inspire  
5 others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of  
6 their families, and the entire community; and

7 WHEREAS, The theme of this year’s effort, “Join the Voices  
8 for Recovery: Now More Than Ever,” recognizes the impact that  
9 real people and real stories have on recovery and celebrates those  
10 who have worked to advance the treatment and recovery landscape;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, It is critical that we educate our community  
13 members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious,  
14 health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic  
15 diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire  
16 community; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of  
19 September 2010 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month,  
20 in order to raise awareness of the importance of substance use  
21 disorder treatment, and to help those suffering from substance use  
22 disorders and their families to receive treatment; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages public support for  
24 “Join the Voices for Recovery: Now More Than Ever” events  
25 planned in their community during the 2010 Alcohol and Drug  
26 Addiction Recovery Month; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
28 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.