

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 14, as introduced, Aanestad. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of September 2009 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California and would encourage public officials and citizens to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
- 2 in ____ men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and that
- 3 there will be approximately ____ new cases of the disease in the
- 4 United States in the current year, resulting in nearly ____ deaths;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
- 7 cancer among men in all race and ethnic groups. African American
- 8 men are ____ percent more likely to develop this disease than any
- 9 other group of men; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In California, approximately ____ men will be
- 11 diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more than
- 12 ____ California men will die of this disease; and
- 13 WHEREAS, While prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer
- 14 deaths in men, little is known about this disease and there are
- 15 usually no symptoms in the early stages; and

1 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches ____ percent when
2 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to ____
3 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

4 WHEREAS, Early detection is key to survival and the American
5 Cancer Society recommends that every man should be offered
6 screening tests determined by his age and risk factor, including an
7 annual prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal
8 examination; and

9 WHEREAS, Men who have several close relatives who have
10 been diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age should begin
11 their testing at 40 years of age; and

12 WHEREAS, Men who have a father, son, or brother who was
13 diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age, and all
14 African American men, should begin testing at 45 years of age;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Other men should begin testing at 50 years of age
17 if they have a life expectancy of at least an additional 10 years;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
21 September 2009 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State
22 of California and that public officials and citizens of California
23 are encouraged to observe the month with appropriate activities
24 and programs; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
26 nation to increase the awareness of the importance of early
27 detection and treatment of prostate cancer; and be it further

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