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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 86

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 86, as amended, Aanestad. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of September 2010 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
- 2 in six men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and that
- 3 there will be approximately_____ 217,730 new cases of the disease
- 4 in the United States in the current year, resulting in nearly_____
- 5 32,050 deaths; 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 50 percent more likely to develop this disease than any
- 9 other group of men; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In California, approximately_____ 20,120 men will
- 11 be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more
- 12 than eight California men will die of this disease; and

1 WHEREAS, While prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer
2 deaths in men, little is known about this disease and there are
3 usually no symptoms in the early stages; and

4 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches ~~_____~~ 100 percent
5 when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to
6 ~~_____~~ 31 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the
7 body; and

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

13 ~~WHEREAS, Men who have several close relatives who have~~
14 ~~been diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age should begin~~
15 ~~their testing at 40 years of age; and~~

16 ~~WHEREAS, Men who have a father, son, or brother who was~~
17 ~~diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age, and all~~
18 ~~African American men, should begin testing at 45 years of age;~~
19 ~~and~~

20 ~~WHEREAS, Other men should begin testing at 50 years of age~~
21 ~~if they have a life expectancy of at least an additional 10 years;~~
22 ~~now, therefore, be it~~

23 ~~WHEREAS, A prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and a~~
24 ~~digital rectal examination (DRE) diagnose most prostate cancers~~
25 ~~before symptoms develop; and~~

26 ~~WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that~~
27 ~~health care providers offer the PSA and DRE annually to men who~~
28 ~~have at least a 10-year life expectancy, beginning when the men~~
29 ~~are 50 years of age; and~~

30 ~~WHEREAS, Men who have a father, son, or brother who has~~
31 ~~been diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age, and~~
32 ~~African American men should be offered a PSA and DRE annually~~
33 ~~beginning when they are 45 years of age; and~~

34 ~~WHEREAS, Men who have multiple family members who have~~
35 ~~been diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age should~~
36 ~~be offered a PSA and 523DRE annually beginning when they are~~
37 ~~40 years of age; now, therefore, be it~~

38 ~~Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly~~
39 ~~thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the month of~~
40 ~~September 2010 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State~~

1 of California and that public officials and citizens of California
2 are encouraged to observe the month with appropriate activities
3 and programs; and be it further

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

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

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11 CORRECTIONS:

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