

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 87

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 25

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 87, Price. American Stroke Month.

This measure would declare May 2010 to be American Stroke Month in California and would urge all Californians to familiarize themselves with the risk factors, and to recognize the warning signs and symptoms associated with stroke, to help reduce the devastating effects of stroke on the population.

WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the third leading cause of death in the United States, killing over 137,000 people nationwide and approximately 15,585 people in California each year; and

WHEREAS, The actions for American Stroke Month 2010 are to “Take 2 to Save 2” to encourage people to take two minutes to save two lives by sending two health messages to two people they know who may smoke, be overweight, have high blood pressure, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease or stroke who are at an increased risk of being disabled or dying from a stroke, and to promote the program “Power to End Stroke” to reduce stroke in African Americans who are at particularly high risk of the disease, by empowering them to reduce their risk, recognize the warning signs, and respond quickly; and

WHEREAS, Warning signs of stroke include, but are not limited to, sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

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

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

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares May 2010 to be American Stroke Month in California; and be it further

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

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