

Introduced by Senator Strickland

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, as introduced, Strickland. Lupus Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim October 2010 as Lupus Awareness Month and would wish Lupus International every success in the future.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Systematic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly
2 known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening
3 autoimmune disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that over five million people
5 have been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases in the United
6 States, and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, More people have lupus than AIDS, Cerebral Palsy,
9 Sickle Cell Anemia, and Cystic Fibrosis combined; and

10 WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women in their prime, when they
11 are 16 to 45 years of age, and it affects all aspects of their lives;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient,
14 it affects their family, friends, coworkers, employers, and the
15 community; and

1 WHEREAS, Lupus International was founded in 1983 as a
2 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The primary purpose of the
3 foundation is to alleviate suffering for lupus patients through
4 patient services, early detection of undiagnosed cases through
5 awareness promotion, and to eradicate lupus by supporting lupus
6 research; and

7 WHEREAS, Lupus International offers the leading pediatric
8 services for children with lupus; and

9 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments is critical
10 to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus
11 sufferers; and

12 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education, and research
13 are key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims October 2010
16 to be Lupus Awareness Month and wishes Lupus International
17 every success in the future; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to Lupus International and to the author for
20 appropriate distribution.