

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 106

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, Strickland. Lupus Awareness Month.

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

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

WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that five million people have been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases throughout the world, and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year; and

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

WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women in their prime, when they are 15 to 44 years of age, and it affects all aspects of their lives; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus sufferers; and

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

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

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

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