

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 96

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 111, Wright. California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week.

This measure would proclaim November 7 through November 13, 2010, as California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week, and would urge all Californians to familiarize themselves with the causes of chronic kidney disease and the importance of intervention to promote sustained health and a better quality of life.

WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease is estimated to be present in approximately 31 million Americans, many of whom are unaware of the problem; and

WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease is estimated to be present in more than 16 percent of adults in California. It is estimated that approximately 3.8 million adults in California, or one in every six, have chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease can progress to end-stage renal disease (ESRD), which requires a continuous course of dialysis therapy or a kidney transplant to maintain life; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 50,000 people with ESRD in the state; and

WHEREAS, ESRD is usually the result of years of chronic kidney disease caused by diabetes mellitus, high blood pressure, inherited conditions, or other insult to the kidneys; and

WHEREAS, Uncontrolled high blood pressure (hypertension) and diabetes are the two leading causes of chronic kidney disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease causes high blood pressure, or worsens existing high blood pressure, and accelerates damage to the kidneys; and

WHEREAS, Severe high blood pressure causes kidney malfunction over a relatively short period of time, but even mild forms of high blood pressure can damage kidneys over several years, with no symptoms evident until there is serious damage; and

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in patients with chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, There is no cure for chronic kidney disease, but there is abundant medical evidence showing that its recognition and treatment can delay or prevent the onset of ESRD; and

WHEREAS, Public policy initiatives targeted at early identification, for controlling cardiovascular risk factors, and early intervention in those with diabetes mellitus and high blood pressure can reduce both the serious long-term effects of chronic kidney disease on the population, and the significant economic burden on individuals and society; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims November 7 through November 13, 2010, as California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week, and urges all Californians to familiarize themselves with the causes of chronic kidney disease and the importance of intervention to promote sustained health and a better quality of life; and be it further

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