

**Introduced by Senator Wolk
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 119—Relative to Plasma Protein Therapies Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 119, as introduced, Wolk. Plasma Protein Therapies Month.

This measure would designate September 2010 as Plasma Protein Therapies Month and would encourage the people of the State of California to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Patients with rare, chronic, genetic diseases and
2 disorders across the United States rely upon access to
3 plasma-derived and recombinant analog therapies, known
4 collectively as “plasma protein therapies,” to treat life-threatening
5 conditions; and
6 WHEREAS, These disorders, including, but not limited to,
7 hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, primary immunodeficiency
8 diseases, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy
9 (CIDP), Kawasaki disease, and alpha 1-antitrypsin deficiency, are
10 most effectively treated with plasma protein therapies; and
11 WHEREAS, Individuals afflicted with these rare disorders
12 require access to the full range of plasma protein therapies to help
13 ensure the best possible clinical outcomes; and
14 WHEREAS, These individuals benefit from access to the
15 appropriate providers; and

1 WHEREAS, These individuals need access to options in
2 pharmacy services and the delivery of home supported services;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Access to comprehensive care has been shown to
5 markedly improve patient outcomes; and

6 WHEREAS, There are 10 plasma collection centers in the State
7 of California certified under the International Quality Plasma
8 Program where healthy, committed donors provide plasma used
9 to manufacture high impact, life saving therapies; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
12 *thereof concurring,* That the month of September 2010 is
13 recognized as “Plasma Protein Therapies Month” and the people
14 of the State of California are encouraged to observe this month
15 with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further

16 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
17 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
18 States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority
19 Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from
20 California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author
21 for appropriate distribution.