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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 18**

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 18—Relative to Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 18, as amended, Dickinson. Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of March 14, 2011, through March 18, 2011, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The week of March 14, 2011, through March 18,  
2 2011, has been declared Multiple Sclerosis Week in recognition  
3 of the importance of finding the cause and cure for multiple  
4 sclerosis and to express appreciation to the National Multiple  
5 Sclerosis Society and its California chapters; and

6 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the  
7 central nervous system that affects an estimated 400,000 Americans  
8 across the country, and nearly 200 new cases are diagnosed each  
9 week nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, The California chapters of the National Multiple  
11 Sclerosis Society report that more than 40,000 people in California  
12 are affected by this devastating disease. Throughout the years, the  
13 California chapters have been committed to heightening public  
14 knowledge and insight and are currently planning several major  
15 statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise awareness  
16 about the effects of multiple sclerosis; and

17 WHEREAS, Twice as many women as men have multiple  
18 sclerosis and most are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50,  
19 and while studies indicate genetic factors make certain individuals  
20 more susceptible than others, there is no evidence that multiple  
21 sclerosis is directly inherited; and

22 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation,  
23 founded in 1946, funds more research, offers more services for  
24 people with multiple sclerosis, and provides more professional  
25 education programs than any other multiple sclerosis organization  
26 in the world. Through its home office in New York and its 50-state  
27 network of chapters, the society services more than one million  
28 people annually; and

29 WHEREAS, The society is the largest private supporter of  
30 multiple sclerosis research in the world, and for more than 55 years  
31 it has funded innovative research and advocated for government  
32 support of important scientific inquiries; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
34 *thereof concurring*, That March 14, 2011, through March 18, 2011,  
35 is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week and that the residents of  
36 the State of California should be encouraged to join together in  
37 raising awareness and heightening public knowledge of this  
38 debilitating disease; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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