

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 154

Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford

May 8, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to American Stroke Month 2012.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 154, as introduced, Bradford. American Stroke Month 2012.

This measure would declare May 2012 to be American Stroke Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term
2 disability and the fourth leading cause of death in the United States,
3 killing over 134,000 people nationwide and approximately 13,506
4 Californians each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 24.9
6 percent between 2010 and 2030, and the direct medical costs for
7 treating stroke in the United States are expected to increase by 238
8 percent, from \$28.3 billion in 2010 to \$95.6 billion by 2030; and

9 WHEREAS, Warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness
10 or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the
11 body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden
12 trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking,
13 dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and sudden severe
14 headache with no known cause; and

15 WHEREAS, Although Americans are more aware of the risk
16 factors and warning signs for stroke now than they have been in

1 the past, according to a recent survey, one-third of adults cannot
2 identify any symptoms; and

3 WHEREAS, The signature action for American Stroke Month
4 2012 is to reach out to a young audience, individuals 10 to 17 years
5 of age, inclusive, through all music genres and social media
6 activities, to educate them about stroke, the warning signs and risk
7 factors, and to engage them in sharing the messages with their
8 parents and grandparents; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the American Stroke Association's "Power
10 to End Stroke" awareness campaign, the 31 Days of Power activity
11 will empower African Americans to reduce their stroke risk,
12 recognize the warning signs, and respond quickly in a stroke
13 emergency to reduce stroke in African Americans who are at
14 particularly high risk of the disease. Participation in a local 31
15 Days of Power event or activity is encouraged; and

16 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed
17 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes,
18 but much more research is needed; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 2012 to be
21 American Stroke Month in California; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
23 familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke,
24 to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at
25 the first signs of a stroke, to dial 911 immediately in order to begin
26 to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population; and
27 be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the author and to the Secretary of the Senate
30 for appropriate distribution.