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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 166**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Beall**

August 7, 2012

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 166—Relative to Recovery Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 166, as amended, Beall. Recovery Month.

This measure would recognize September 2012 as Recovery Month in California, in order to raise awareness of the importance of substance use disorders treatment and to help people ~~suffering from~~ *living with* substance use disorders and their families to receive treatment.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of one's health  
2 and overall wellness; and

3 WHEREAS, Treatment and long-term recovery from substance  
4 use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who  
5 are addicted and their family members; and

6 WHEREAS, People who receive treatment for substance use  
7 disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, both  
8 personally and professionally; and

9 WHEREAS, Real stories of long-term recovery can inspire  
10 others to ask for help and to improve their own lives, the lives of  
11 their families, and their entire communities; and

1 WHEREAS, People in recovery can achieve healthy lifestyles,  
2 both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways  
3 to their communities; and

4 WHEREAS, We must encourage relatives and friends of people  
5 with mental or substance use disorders, or both, to implement  
6 preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide  
7 those in need toward appropriate treatment and recovery support  
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, Substance use disorders impact approximately 3  
10 million people in California, or approximately 8 percent of the  
11 population; and

12 WHEREAS, The theme of this year's effort, "Join the Voices  
13 for Recovery: ~~Now More Than Ever~~," *It's Worth It*," recognizes  
14 the impact that real people and real stories have on recovery and  
15 celebrates those who have worked to advance the treatment and  
16 recovery landscape; and

17 WHEREAS, It is critical that we educate community members  
18 throughout California that substance use disorders are treatable,  
19 yet serious, health care problems, and that by treating them like  
20 other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the  
21 entire community; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of  
24 September 2012 as Recovery Month, in order to raise awareness  
25 of the importance of substance use disorder treatment, and to help  
26 those ~~suffering from~~ *living with* substance use disorders and their  
27 families to receive treatment; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages public support for  
29 the "Join the Voices for Recovery: ~~Now More Than Ever~~" *It's*  
30 *Worth It*" events planned in communities throughout California  
31 during Recovery Month; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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