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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 166

Introduced by Assembly Member Beall

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August 7, 2012

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 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

12 WHEREAS, People in recovery can achieve healthy lifestyles,
13 both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways
14 to their communities; and

15 WHEREAS, We must encourage relatives and friends of people
16 with mental or substance use disorders, or both, to implement
17 preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide
18 those in need toward appropriate treatment and recovery support
19 services; and

20 WHEREAS, Substance use disorders impact approximately 3
21 million people in California, or approximately 8 percent of the
22 population; and

23 WHEREAS, The theme of this year's effort, "Join the Voices
24 for Recovery: It's Worth It," recognizes the impact that real people
25 and real stories have on recovery and celebrates those who have
26 worked to advance the treatment and recovery landscape; and

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

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
34 September 2012 as Recovery Month, in order to raise awareness
35 of the importance of substance use disorder treatment, and to help
36 those living with substance use disorders and their families to
37 receive treatment; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages public support for
39 the "Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It" events planned

1 in communities throughout California during Recovery Month;
2 and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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7 **CORRECTIONS:**

8 **Heading—Coauthors—Page 1.**

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