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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 141

Introduced by Assembly Member Holden

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May 1, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 141—Relative to American Stroke Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 141, as amended, Holden. American Stroke Month 2014.

This measure would declare May 2014 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 California, killing
- 3 about 130,000 people nationwide and approximately 13,506
- 4 citizens of California each year; and

1 WHEREAS, Stroke prevalence is projected to increase in the
2 United States by 24.9 percent between 2010 and 2030, and the
3 direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by
4 238 percent, from \$28.3 billion in 2010 to \$95.6 billion by 2030;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 78 million Americans have high blood
7 pressure, which is a major controllable risk factor for stroke,
8 including 44 percent of African American adults — among the
9 highest prevalence of any population in the world; and

10 WHEREAS, More than half, 58 percent, of Americans do not
11 know if they are at risk for stroke; and

12 WHEREAS, One in three Americans cannot name any of the
13 signs or symptoms of a stroke; and

14 WHEREAS, The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of
15 stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and
16 time to call 9-1-1. Beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning
17 signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the
18 face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden
19 confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble
20 seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss
21 of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no
22 known cause; and

23 WHEREAS, The American Stroke Association's Together to
24 End Stroke initiative encourages Americans, on May 1, 2014, the
25 American Stroke Month Day of Action, throughout the month of
26 May, and year-round, to learn their personal stroke risk, memorize
27 and share the stroke warning signs, and call 9-1-1 at the first sign
28 of a stroke; and

29 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed
30 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes,
31 but much more research is needed; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 2014 to be
34 American Stroke Month in California; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
36 familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke,
37 to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at
38 the first signs of a stroke, to dial 9-1-1 immediately in order to
39 begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population;
40 and be it further

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

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