

Introduced by Senator Gaines

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 101—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 101, as introduced, Gaines. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate September 2014 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed
2 cancer in men aside from skin cancer and the second leading cause
3 of cancer death in men aside from lung cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
5 in six men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime with an
6 estimated 238,590 new cases of the disease in the United States
7 predicted for 2014, which would result in an estimated 29,720
8 deaths; and

9 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
10 cancer among men in most racial and ethnic groups. African
11 American men are 45 percent more likely to develop this disease
12 than non-Hispanic white men and 58 percent more likely than
13 Hispanic men; and

14 WHEREAS, In California, approximately 20,430 men are
15 predicted to be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2014, and, of

1 this number, approximately 3,085 men are predicted to die of this
2 disease; and

3 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when
4 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early but drops to 28
5 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

6 WHEREAS, Early stages of prostate cancer usually do not have
7 symptoms and genetic predisposition may be responsible for 5 to
8 10 percent of prostate cancer cases; and

9 WHEREAS, Recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed
10 meat or dairy foods may increase the risk of prostate cancer, while
11 obesity may contribute to an increased risk of more aggressive
12 forms of the disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Obesity and smoking are associated with an
14 increased risk of dying from prostate cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that
16 all men be given sufficient information on both the benefits and
17 limitations of early detection and testing for prostate cancer to
18 allow each man to make a decision based on his personal values
19 and preferences; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates September
22 2014 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of
23 California and encourages public officials and citizens of California
24 to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs;
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
27 nation to increase awareness of the importance of each man making
28 an informed decision with his health care provider with regard to
29 early detection and testing for prostate cancer; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
31 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.