

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 22, 2014

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 135**

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**Introduced by Senator Evans**

July 3, 2014

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 135—Relative to National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 135, as amended, Evans. National Massage Therapy Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of October 19, 2014, to October 25, 2014, inclusive, as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and  
2 is increasingly part of integrated health care; and

3 WHEREAS, Consumers are spending in excess of \$12 billion  
4 to \$17 billion annually on massage therapy, and more insurance  
5 companies are covering it; and

6 WHEREAS, Therapeutic massage can benefit people of all ages;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, A growing body of clinical research shows that  
9 massage therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues,  
10 including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis, back  
11 pain, muscle injury and soreness, headaches, and maintaining good  
12 health; and

13 *WHEREAS, California regulates the massage therapy profession*  
14 *and massage therapists must meet the legal requirements to*

1 *practice, which may include minimum hours of initial training and*  
2 *passing an examination in order to ensure patient safety; and*

3 WHEREAS, ~~The American Massage Therapy Association~~  
4 ~~(AMTA), a 56,000-member professional association for massage~~  
5 ~~therapists, provides~~ *Massage therapists consistently provide*  
6 consumer and professional education information on massage and  
7 ~~helps help~~ consumers and health professionals locate qualified  
8 massage therapists in their area; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
10 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims the week of  
11 October 19, 2014, to October 25, 2014, inclusive, as National  
12 Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California; and be it further

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

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