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**ACR-59 Thrombosis Awareness Month.** (2015-2016)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 59**

**CHAPTER 78**

Relative to Thrombosis Awareness Month.

[ Filed with Secretary of State June 26, 2015. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 59, Maienschein. Thrombosis Awareness Month.

This measure would declare the month of October 2015 as Thrombosis Awareness Month.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of Americans are affected each year by deep vein thrombosis, or DVT, a medical condition that occurs when a blood clot forms in a deep vein; and

WHEREAS, DVT is caused by reduced blood flow through the deep veins, usually in the lower leg or thigh, and either the tendency of a person's blood to clot too quickly or irritation or inflammation of the inner lining of the vein, or both; and

WHEREAS, Pulmonary embolism, or PE, is a serious and potentially fatal complication of DVT. Venous thromboembolism, which includes deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, or both, affects an estimated 300,000 to 600,000, inclusive individuals in the United States each year and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates suggest between 60,000 and 100,000 people die of DVT/PE in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Atrial fibrillation, a potentially serious cardiac condition characterized by an irregular heart rhythm, is estimated to affect at least 1.2 million adults in the United States and can lead to thromboembolic strokes. The incidence of atrial fibrillation in adults is projected to increase to 2.6 million cases by 2030; and

WHEREAS, The State of California seeks to raise public awareness about the symptoms and risk factors for deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, or both, and strokes caused by atrial fibrillation, to prevent and reduce the frequency of illness and death among its citizens and those who visit the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the month of October 2015 as Thrombosis Awareness Month in California and recognizes the importance of the ongoing fight against deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, and strokes caused by atrial fibrillation; and be it further

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