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ACR-73 Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73

CHAPTER 63

Relative to Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day.

[Filed with Secretary of State June 06, 2017.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 73, Berman. Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day.

This measure would declare May 6, 2017, as Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Moyamoya disease is a rare, progressive, incurable disorder of the cerebrovascular system that causes arteries at the base of the brain to narrow, resulting in blocked blood flow to the brain; and

WHEREAS, To compensate for the blockage, the body forms a tangle of tiny blood vessels that resemble a "puff of smoke"; and

WHEREAS, The term "moyamoya" means "puff of smoke" in Japanese, which is how the tangle appeared to Japanese doctors who first described the disorder in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Moyamoya may lead to transient ischemic attacks (TIA), commonly referred to as "mini strokes," in both children and adults, followed by muscular weakness or paralysis on one side of the body, or seizures; and

WHEREAS, Other symptoms of the disorder include vision problems, disturbed consciousness, reduced cognitive ability, distorted functioning of senses, involuntary movements, and aphasia, a speech problem that impairs language comprehension; and

WHEREAS, Because the arteries continue to narrow, surgery is needed to prevent mental decline and recurrent strokes; and

WHEREAS, Moyamoya does not discriminate, affecting people of all ethnicities, ages, and genders; and

WHEREAS, Moyamoya affects approximately one in every one-to-two million people. However, it is suspected that a large portion of the population is currently misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed due to lack of awareness among both the public and physicians; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares May 6, 2017, as Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day in California; and be it further

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