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ACR-89 American Stroke Month. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 89

CHAPTER 76

Relative to American Stroke Month.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 89, Aguiar-Curry. American Stroke Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2017 as American Stroke Month in California.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 133,000 people nationwide and over 13,600 California citizens each year; and

WHEREAS, Projections show that incidents of stroke will increase by 20.5 percent over 2012 figures by 2030, affecting an additional 3.4 million American adults, with the highest increases projected for Hispanic men at 29 percent; and

WHEREAS, The direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to almost triple from \$71.6 billion to \$184.1 billion by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 85 million Americans have high blood pressure, which is the leading controllable risk factor for stroke; and

WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes when administered in the early hours; and

WHEREAS, From 2014 to 2015, stroke mortality increased in the United States by 3 percent after years of decline; and

WHEREAS, The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to call 911; and

WHEREAS, Beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

WHEREAS, During American Stroke Month in May and year-round, the American Stroke Association's "Together to End Stroke" initiative encourages Americans to manage their blood pressure, memorize and share the stroke warning signs, and call 911 at the first sign of a stroke; and

WHEREAS, Much more research and education are needed to help Americans prevent and treat stroke; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the month of May 2017 to be American Stroke Month in California and urges all Californians to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and on the first sign of a stroke dial 911 immediately in order to begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population; and be it further

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