



SCR-22 Autism Awareness Month. (2017-2018)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22

CHAPTER 47

Relative to Autism Awareness Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 22, Hueso. Autism Awareness Month.

This measure would designate April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month and would encourage residents to show support for autism awareness.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, More than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, More children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum than ever before with diagnoses as high as one in 68 children nationally; and

WHEREAS, More than 97,000 California public school students have been diagnosed as autistic; and

WHEREAS, There is no cure for autism, but it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism presents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the month of April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents to show support for autism awareness; and be it further

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