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HR-85 (2019-2020)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019–2020 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 85

Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron

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February 25, 2020

Relative to Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 85, as introduced, Waldron.

WHEREAS, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is an annual, nationwide observance, led by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health; and

WHEREAS, Every year on March 10, and throughout the month of March, local, state, federal, and national organizations come together to shed light on the impact of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) on women and girls and show support for those at risk of contracting, and living with, HIV; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 15th annual observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS are still widespread public health issues, and women, especially African American and Hispanic women, remain vulnerable to infection; and

WHEREAS, Today, nearly one million people in the United States are diagnosed with HIV, and nearly one in four of them are women; and

WHEREAS, The 2020 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day theme is “HIV Prevention Starts with Me”; and

WHEREAS, Everyone—women, men, community organizations, health care professionals, those who are HIV-negative, and those living with HIV—has a role to play in HIV prevention; and

WHEREAS, There are steps you can take to protect yourself, your partner, your patients, your family, and your neighbors from HIV infection, including:

(1) Getting a free and confidential HIV test.

(2) Practicing safe sex.

(3) If you are HIV-negative and your partner has HIV, talk to a doctor about taking pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a daily pill that can reduce your risk of getting HIV from sex by more than 90 percent.

(4) If you are living with HIV, talk to your doctor about ways to stay healthy and take your medication as prescribed to achieve and maintain an undetectable viral load. It can help prevent spreading HIV to your sexual partner or, if you are pregnant, to your baby.

(5) If you think you may have been exposed to HIV, visit a doctor right away. The doctor may decide that you should get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). PEP are antiretroviral medicines that you take within 72 hours of possible exposure to HIV to lower your chances of getting HIV.

(6) If you are a health care professional, you should know the screening guidelines, talk to patients about their possible risk, and encourage patients living with HIV to adhere to treatment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly recognizes March 10, 2020, as Women and Girls HIV and AIDS Awareness Day and encourages all Californians to take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, support those living with HIV and AIDS, and help educate those at risk of HIV and AIDS; and be it further

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

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 3.
