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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2021–2022 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 64

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

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August 16, 2021

Relative to Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 64, as introduced, Maienschein.

WHEREAS, Thyroid Eye Disease, or TED, is a serious, progressive, and rare autoimmune condition, in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks healthy muscle and fat tissue behind the eye causing inflammation and scar tissue to form; and

WHEREAS, People living with TED often have debilitating symptoms, including eye bulging, double vision, blurred vision, pain, and facial disfigurement. In more severe cases, it can lead to blindness; and

WHEREAS, People living with TED often experience long-term functional, psychosocial, and economic burdens, such as the inability to work or perform basic functions for daily living; and

WHEREAS, The exact underlying process that causes TED is not fully understood, and the disease is a serious, vision-threatening condition that is capable of worsening over time; and

WHEREAS, TED is a rare disease that affects an estimated 16 out of every 100,000 women and less than 3 out of every 100,000 men; and

WHEREAS, Cases of TED, although rare, do affect approximately 7,500 Californians per year; and

WHEREAS, A diagnosis of TED is based upon identification of characteristic symptoms, a detailed patient history, a thorough clinical evaluation, and a variety of specialized tests. There is a genetic component to the condition, and people who have a family member with the disease, or any other autoimmune disease, are at a greater risk of developing TED; and

WHEREAS, Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week has been established at the national level through a collaboration between advocacy groups, including the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, Inc., the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research, the Graves' Disease and Thyroid Foundation, Prevent Blindness, and the National Biotechnology Innovation Organization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly declares the week of November 14, 2021, to November 20, 2021, inclusive, as Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week to increase awareness of TED and its impacts; 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 2.