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**ACR-138 World Cholangiocarcinoma Day.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 138**

**CHAPTER 29**

Relative to World Cholangiocarcinoma Day.

[ Filed with Secretary of State March 21, 2024. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 138, Essayli. World Cholangiocarcinoma Day.

This measure would recognize the importance of World Cholangiocarcinoma Day, observed on February 15, 2024.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, An estimated 10,000 people in the United States develop bile duct cancer, also known as cholangiocarcinoma, each year, and the mortality rate has increased dramatically in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, Of the top eight deadliest cancers, seven are rare. Rare cancers have a five-year survival rate under 50 percent, and cholangiocarcinoma is a rare cancer with a five-year survival rate of approximately 20 percent. There is currently no cure for cholangiocarcinoma; and

WHEREAS, The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation is the leading global resource in research, education, and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, Foundations, research and teaching hospitals, rare-cancer advocacy groups, and patient advocacy groups from around the globe have joined forces to recognize the third Thursday of February as World Cholangiocarcinoma Day; and

WHEREAS, The State of California is pleased to recognize and observe the third Thursday of February 2024, February 15, 2024, as World Cholangiocarcinoma Day in commemoration of all patients and caregivers impacted by this rare and lethal cancer; and

WHEREAS, Increased cholangiocarcinoma advocacy, awareness, research, and education will bring improved outcomes for patients in earlier detection and treatment and potential curative methods; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Assembly recognizes the importance of World Cholangiocarcinoma Day, observed on February 15, 2024; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of California respectfully urges all citizens to support the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation; and be it further

Resolved, That the office of the Governor is committed to the continued support of research for treatment and a cure of cholangiocarcinoma; and be it further

Resolved, That all citizens are encouraged to educate themselves about this disease as well as the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation and its role in our communities to improve the quality of life of patients and its work to find a cure by visiting [curecca.org](http://curecca.org); and be it further

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