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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 179

CHAPTER 91

Relative to disabled individuals.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 179, Jones-Sawyer. Disabled individuals.

This measure would proclaim April 28, 2024, as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to secure equity for disabled individuals.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 7,090,015 adults in California have a disability; and

WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau reports that more than 330,000 children in California have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 1977, disability rights activists in California secured implementation of the rights established under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 after leading the longest sit-in of a federal building in United States history;

WHEREAS, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 laid the foundation for the passage of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, California is recognized as the birthplace of the disability rights movement and independent living movement; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities make meaningful contributions to the arts, employment, science, health care, technology, sports, education, law, their communities, and much more; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities are experts in their own lived experiences and are the most important drivers to create system change; and

WHEREAS, Family members, disability advocates, professionals, and allies play a key role in supporting and advocating for individuals with disabilities to live full and inclusive lives; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature has taken actions to expand the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities in California; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities remain at an increased risk of experiencing discrimination, isolation, segregation, and inequities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims April 28, 2024, as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to secure equity for disabled individuals; and be it further

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