

**Introduced by Senator Pan**

February 9, 2021

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 13, as introduced, Pan. Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. This measure would proclaim the month of March 2021 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature is proud to proclaim March 2021  
2 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in this state; and  
3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting at  
4 least 4,000 people in California, and von Willebrand disease  
5 impacts at least 360,000 people in California; and  
6 WHEREAS, Without treatment, people with hemophilia and  
7 other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding  
8 episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joints, muscles,  
9 internal organs, and brain. Repeated bleeding episodes in the joints  
10 result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often  
11 lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic  
12 pain. Bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain  
13 can cause permanent damage, disability, and even death; and  
14 WHEREAS, Many individuals with hemophilia became infected  
15 with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C in the  
16 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood  
17 products; and

1 WHEREAS, With proper care and access to comprehensive  
2 medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related  
3 bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and can lead  
4 productive lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Visits to federally recognized hemophilia treatment  
6 centers reduce morbidity and mortality significantly; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of California is committed to proper care  
8 and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other  
9 related bleeding disorders through previously enacted legislation;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This awareness month will generate greater  
12 understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding  
13 disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, This awareness month will foster a greater sense  
15 of community and shared purpose among all individuals with  
16 inheritable bleeding disorders; and

17 WHEREAS, This awareness month will elevate the awareness  
18 of, and engagement in, the inheritable bleeding disorders journey  
19 beyond this community to the general public, enabling the  
20 prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature pause in its deliberations  
24 to proudly proclaim the month of March 2021 as Bleeding  
25 Disorders Awareness Month in the State of California; and be it  
26 further

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