

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 23, as introduced, Weber. Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2023 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Legislature is proud to proclaim March 2023
- 2 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in this state; and

1 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting
2 at least 4,000 people in California, and Von Willebrand disease
3 impacts at least 360,000 people in California; and

4 WHEREAS, Without treatment, people with hemophilia and
5 other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding
6 episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joints, muscles,
7 internal organs, and brain. Repeated bleeding episodes in the joints
8 result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often
9 lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic
10 pain. Bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain
11 can cause permanent damage, disability, and even death; and

12 WHEREAS, Many individuals with hemophilia became infected
13 with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C in the
14 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood
15 products; and

16 WHEREAS, With proper care and access to comprehensive
17 medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related
18 bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and lead
19 productive lives; and

20 WHEREAS, Visits to federally recognized hemophilia treatment
21 centers reduce morbidity and mortality significantly; and

22 WHEREAS, The State of California is committed to proper care
23 and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other
24 related bleeding disorders through previously enacted legislation;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, This awareness month will generate greater
27 understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding
28 disorders; and

29 WHEREAS, This awareness month will foster a greater sense
30 of community and shared purpose among all individuals with
31 inheritable bleeding disorders; and

32 WHEREAS, This awareness month will elevate the awareness
33 of, and engagement in, the inheritable bleeding disorders journey
34 beyond this community to the general public, enabling the
35 prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability; now,
36 therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature pause in its deliberations
39 to proudly proclaim the month of March 2023 as Bleeding
40 Disorders Awareness Month in California; and be it further

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

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5 **CORRECTIONS:** _____

6 Text—Page 2.

7 **REVISIONS:**

8 Heading—Line 2.

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