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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 46

Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian

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April 15, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to Viral Hepatitis Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 46, as amended, Achadjian. Viral Hepatitis Awareness Day.

This measure would proclaim May 19, 2013, as Viral Hepatitis Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Liver cancer and liver disease related to hepatitis
- 2 B and C are two of the leading killers in California; and

1 WHEREAS, Hepatitis C is the most prevalent bloodborne
2 disease in the United States and in California; and

3 WHEREAS, Early detection of hepatitis B or C infection
4 promotes effective management or treatment of these infections,
5 preventing disability, loss of productivity and income, and allowing
6 people to live full, satisfying, and productive lives; and

7 WHEREAS, Undetected and untreated hepatitis B or C infection
8 can lead to disability or death; and

9 WHEREAS, The majority of the estimated 500,000 Californians
10 with chronic hepatitis C infection do not know they are infected,
11 and are therefore at high risk of severe liver disease, liver cancer,
12 or liver failure; and

13 WHEREAS, The majority of the estimated 125,000 California
14 residents with hepatitis B infection do not know they are infected,
15 and are therefore at high risk of severe liver disease, liver cancer,
16 or liver failure; and

17 WHEREAS, Untreated hepatitis B and C are the leading causes
18 of liver failure requiring liver transplant; and

19 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
20 Prevention released updated guidelines calling for everyone born
21 between 1945 and 1965 to receive a one-time hepatitis C test,
22 which would save over 100,000 lives; and

23 WHEREAS, There is a vaccine for the prevention of hepatitis
24 B, the first proven, low-cost vaccination against any form of cancer
25 made available to Americans; and

26 WHEREAS, The cost of hospitalizations for liver cancer and
27 liver disease reached \$2 billion in California in 2007, mostly paid
28 for by tax-supported public health insurers; and

29 WHEREAS, Hepatitis awareness education campaigns and
30 accessible screening for hepatitis B and C, along with appropriate
31 treatment, can reduce the damage from hepatitis B and C viral
32 infection to individuals and to our community, financially, as well
33 as physically and emotionally; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
36 hereby proclaims May 19, 2013, as Viral Hepatitis Awareness
37 Day; 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 Heading—Line 9.

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