

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 62**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Baker**

April 29, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to California Cancer Survivors Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 62, as introduced, Baker. California Cancer Survivors Day.

This measure would designate Sunday, June 7, 2015, as California Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide with National Cancer Survivors Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, National Cancer Survivors Day is an annual,  
2 treasured celebration of life that is held in hundreds of communities  
3 nationwide, and around the world, on the first Sunday in June. It  
4 is a celebration for those who have survived, an inspiration for  
5 those recently diagnosed, a gathering of support for families, and  
6 an outreach to the community. On National Cancer Survivors Day,  
7 thousands gather across the globe to honor cancer survivors and  
8 to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be fruitful,  
9 rewarding, and even inspiring; and  
10 WHEREAS, It is a day for everyone, whether you are a cancer  
11 survivor, family member, friend, or medical professional. This day  
12 provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of  
13 cancer, including America’s more than 14 million cancer survivors,  
14 to connect with each other, celebrate milestones, and recognize  
15 those who have supported them along the way. It is also a day to  
16 draw attention to the ongoing challenges of cancer survivorship

1 in order to promote more resources, research, and survivor-friendly  
2 legislation to improve cancer survivors' quality of life; and

3 WHEREAS, Due to advances in cancer prevention, early  
4 detection, treatment, and followup care, more people than ever  
5 before are surviving the disease. In America alone, more than 14  
6 million people are alive today after being diagnosed with cancer;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Nonetheless, surviving cancer can leave a host of  
9 problems in its wake. Physical, emotional, and financial hardships  
10 often persist for years after diagnosis and treatment. Cancer  
11 survivors are also at a greater risk for developing second cancers  
12 and other health conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, Cancer survivors may face numerous challenges  
14 during and after treatment, including (1) limited access to cancer  
15 specialists and promising new treatments; (2) denial of health  
16 insurance and life insurance coverage; (3) difficulty finding jobs;  
17 and (4) economic burdens due to mounting medical expenses, lost  
18 wages, and reduced productivity; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to these challenges, cancer survivors  
20 may face emotional struggles, strains on personal relationships,  
21 and profound fear of cancer recurrence. The effects of cancer do  
22 not simply end when treatment does; and

23 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation  
24 believes that more resources, research, and survivor-friendly  
25 legislation are needed to improve the quality of life of cancer  
26 survivors, both during and after treatment. The Legislature urges  
27 everyone who participates in National Cancer Survivors Day  
28 celebrations to not only recognize those who are living with a  
29 history of cancer, but also raise awareness of the hardship cancer  
30 survivors face beyond treatment; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates Sunday, June  
33 7, 2015, as California Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide with  
34 National Cancer Survivors Day; and be it further

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

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