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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 62

### Introduced by Assembly Member Baker

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April 29, 2015

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

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 62, as amended, 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

1 an outreach to the community. On National Cancer Survivors Day,  
2 thousands gather across the globe to honor cancer survivors and  
3 to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be fruitful,  
4 rewarding, and even inspiring; and

5 WHEREAS, It is a day for everyone, whether you are a cancer  
6 survivor, family member, friend, or medical professional. This day  
7 provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of  
8 cancer, including America's more than 14 million cancer survivors,  
9 to connect with each other, celebrate milestones, and recognize  
10 those who have supported them along the way. It is also a day to  
11 draw attention to the ongoing challenges of cancer survivorship  
12 in order to promote more resources, research, and survivor-friendly  
13 legislation to improve cancer survivors' quality of life; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Cancer survivors may face numerous challenges  
25 during and after treatment, including (1) limited access to cancer  
26 specialists and promising new treatments; (2) denial of health  
27 insurance and life insurance coverage; (3) difficulty finding jobs;  
28 and (4) economic burdens due to mounting medical expenses, lost  
29 wages, and reduced productivity; and

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

34 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation  
35 believes that more resources, research, and survivor-friendly  
36 legislation are needed to improve the quality of life of cancer  
37 survivors, both during and after treatment. The Legislature urges  
38 everyone who participates in National Cancer Survivors Day  
39 celebrations to not only recognize those who are living with a

1 history of cancer, but also raise awareness of the hardship cancer  
2 survivors face beyond treatment; now, therefore, be it  
3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates Sunday, June  
5 7, 2015, as California Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide with  
6 National Cancer Survivors Day; and be it further  
7 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
8 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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