
Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher

JUNE 27, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 71 -- Relative to
Plasma Protein Therapies Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 71, as introduced, Fletcher. Plasma Protein Therapies Month.

This measure would recognize September 2011 as Plasma Protein Therapies Month and encourage the people of California to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

WHEREAS, Patients with rare, chronic, genetic diseases and disorders across the United States rely upon access to plasma-driven and recombinant analog therapies, known collectively as "plasma protein therapies," to treat life-threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, These diseases and disorders, including, but not limited to, hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, primary immunodeficiency diseases, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy, Kawasaki disease, and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, are most effectively treated with plasma protein therapies; and

WHEREAS, Individuals afflicted with these rare disorders require access to the full range of plasma protein therapies to help ensure the best possible clinical outcomes; and

WHEREAS, These individuals benefit from access to the appropriate providers of these therapies; and

WHEREAS, These individuals need pharmacy options and the delivery of home-supported services; and

WHEREAS, Access to comprehensive care has been shown to markedly improve patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, There are 10 plasma collection centers in the State of California certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy, committed donors provide plasma used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the month of September 2011, as Plasma Protein Therapies Month, and encourages the people of California to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further

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