

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Villapudua

February 8, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Military, Veteran, and Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 23, as introduced, Villapudua. Military, Veteran, and Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day.

This measure would promote awareness of the problem of suicide facing the men and women within California's military, veteran, and construction industry populations by proclaiming March 18, 2021, as Military, Veteran, and Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Suicide is a serious and tragic public health
2 problem that is growing in the United States that can be prevented
3 through increased awareness, resources, and proper treatment; and
4 WHEREAS, Suicide affects all Americans, but data shows that
5 our military, veteran, and construction industry personnel in
6 California and the nation die by suicide at much higher rates than
7 other populations; and
8 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
9 Defense, the military services reported the following for all of
10 2016: 275 deaths by suicide for active military members; 203
11 deaths by suicide for military reserve members; and 123 deaths
12 by suicide for members of the National Guard; and

1 WHEREAS, According to a recent study by the federal Centers
2 for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the suicide rate among
3 working-age males, notably those between 16 and 64 years of age,
4 increased 34 percent during the 2000 to 2016, inclusive, timeframe,
5 and that the occupational group with the highest male suicide rate
6 is construction and extraction; and

7 WHEREAS, This resolution endeavors to promote awareness
8 of the problem of suicide and the particular epidemic facing the
9 men and women within California's military, veteran, and
10 construction industry populations and encourages our communities
11 and the people of the State of California to work together to
12 continue to educate the public on how to recognize the warning
13 signs and improve the outreach to, and treatment of, these
14 individuals at risk for suicide; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March
17 18, 2021, as Military, Veteran, and Construction Industry Suicide
18 Prevention Awareness Day in California; and be it further

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