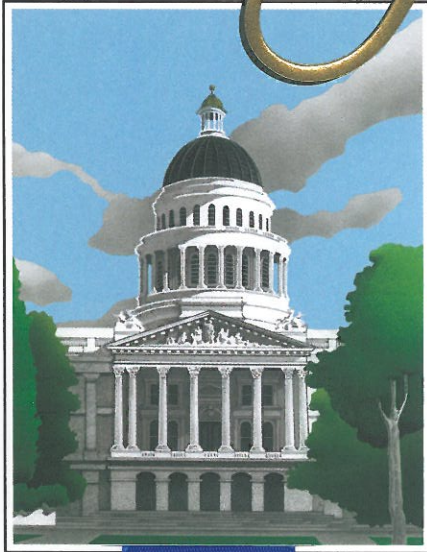


Assembly



RESOLUTION

By the Honorable the Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman, Ph.D., 13th Assembly District; the Honorable William W. Monning, 17th Senatorial District; and the Honorable Lois Wolk, 3rd Senatorial District; Relative to commending

Compassion & Choices

Whereas, The relationship between communities and their nonprofit organizations is a vital and interdependent one, deriving its strength from the civic involvement and dedication of all those who engage with such organizations, the many positive outcomes these organizations make possible, and the spirit of cooperation, respect, and accomplishment they foster within the communities of which they are an integral part; and

Whereas, One such laudable entity is Compassion & Choices, the nation's largest nonprofit organization committed to improving care and expanding choice at the end of life, even for those whose voices have been silenced due to injury or illness at the time when end-of-life decisions are most pressing; and

Whereas, A national organization headquartered in Denver, Colorado, Compassion & Choices has carried its message and furthered its advocacy nationwide in service to protecting and expanding options at the end of life, in addition to which, Compassion & Choices offers free consultation, planning resources, referrals, and guidance through its national office and through the auspices of individuals and allied organizations across the country, including California Compassion & Choices; and

Whereas, Working closely with other nonprofit organizations, elected officials, and government agencies, California Compassion & Choices, its dedicated professional staff, and its tireless volunteers have worked diligently and effectively to develop and implement policies that eliminate discrimination and recognize the inherent autonomy and dignity of individuals and families with regard to supporting and advocating for patient-centered end-of-life choices, and specifically, the expansion of statutorily-sanctioned end-of-life options in the State; and

Whereas, In California, Compassion & Choices played a pivotal role in the recent passage of the state's historic End of Life Option Act, signed into law by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on October 5, 2015, accompanied by a carefully considered and very personal Governor's Signing Message, in which the Governor stated, with certainty, that he would find it "a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded" by the Act, and concluded that he could not deny that right to others; and

Whereas, By actively supporting the passage of the End of Life Option Act in California, America's most populous state, Compassion & Choices has helped to give over one in ten Americans the right to make the kinds of end-of-life decisions the Act legalizes, and in so doing, the organization has contributed to achieving the biggest victory for the death-with-dignity movement since Oregon passed the nation's first law two decades ago; and

Whereas, Through its unstinting nationwide advocacy on behalf of, and commendable actions in California to ensure passage of, legislation that expands choices at the end of life, Compassion & Choices has shown itself to be an eminently compassionate and purpose-driven organization that is worthy of admiration and praise; now, therefore, be it


Resolved by Assembly Member Susan Talamantes Eggman, Ph.D., and Senators William W. Monning and Lois Wolk, That they commend Compassion & Choices for its exemplary record of committed actions in service to improving care and expanding choices at the end of life, and convey their sincere hope that the organization's services, programs, and advocacy will achieve further success in the future.

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Dated this 15th day of November, 2015


Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman, Ph.D.
13th Assembly District


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17th Senatorial District


Honorable Lois Wolk
3rd Senatorial District

