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Monday, June 23, 2025  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 126

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 6/20/2025  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

06/23/2025

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

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<u>ACR 100</u>	RLS.
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<u>SJR 1</u>	JUD.
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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 54**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ta**

March 17, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 54—Relative to Huell Howser Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 54, as introduced, Ta. Huell Howser Day.

This measure would designate October 18, 2025, as Huell Howser Day, to commemorate his impact on the history, culture, and people of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Huell Howser was born on October 18, 1945, in  
2 the City of Gallatin, Tennessee; and  
3 WHEREAS, Howser graduated from the University School of  
4 Nashville in 1963, then studied history and political science at the  
5 University of Tennessee, where he served as student body  
6 president; and  
7 WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Marine Corps  
8 Reserve and on the staff of United States Senator Howard Henry  
9 Baker, Jr., Howser began his television career at WSMV-TV in  
10 the City of Nashville, Tennessee, where he produced shows focused  
11 on human interest stories, such as “Happy Features” and “The  
12 Happy World of Huell Howser”; and  
13 WHEREAS, Howser moved to the City of Los Angeles in 1981  
14 to work as a reporter for KCBS-TV, and over the next couple of

1 years, served as weekend host and correspondent for  
2 “Entertainment Tonight”; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1991, after spending his vacation driving across  
4 the state and visiting with all 13 PBS stations in California,  
5 “California’s Gold” premiered in April of that year; and

6 WHEREAS, “California’s Gold” highlighted small towns,  
7 landmarks, events, or places of interest throughout the state that  
8 were not well known to the general public; and

9 WHEREAS, Howser also produced shows such as “California’s  
10 Communities,” “California’s Golden Fairs,” “Downtown,”  
11 “California’s Water,” “California’s Green,” “California’s Golden  
12 Coast,” “California’s Golden Parks,” “Road Trip,” “Visiting...  
13 with Huell Howser,” “California Missions,” “Palm Springs,” “Our  
14 Neighborhoods,” “The Bench,” and other various specials; and

15 WHEREAS, Howser donated his videotaped collection of  
16 “California’s Gold” episodes, as well as those of his other series,  
17 to Chapman University in 2011, along with his personal papers  
18 and large collection of books on California history; and

19 WHEREAS, Chapman University established the Huell Howser  
20 Archives, which offers the public free access to the entire digitized  
21 collection of his life’s work; and

22 WHEREAS, On January 7, 2013, Howser passed away at the  
23 age of 67 after a long battle with cancer; and

24 WHEREAS, Howser’s entire body of work helped to shape the  
25 history, culture, and people of California; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
27 *thereof concurring*, That October 18, 2025, is hereby designated  
28 Huell Howser Day, to commemorate his impact on the history,  
29 culture, and people of California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 54 (Ta) – As Introduced March 17, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Huell Howser Day.

**SUMMARY:** Designates October 18, 2025, as Huell Howser Day, to commemorate his impact on the history, culture, and people of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Huell Howser was born on October 18, 1945, in the City of Gallatin, Tennessee. Howser graduated from the University School of Nashville in 1963, then studied history and political science at the University of Tennessee, where he served as student body president.
- 2) After serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and on the staff of United States Senator Howard Henry Baker, Jr., Howser began his television career at WSMV-TV in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, where he produced shows focused on human interest stories, such as “Happy Features” and “The Happy World of Huell Howser.”
- 3) Howser moved to the City of Los Angeles in 1981 to work as a reporter for KCBS-TV, and over the next couple of years, served as weekend host and correspondent for “Entertainment Tonight.”
- 4) In 1991, after spending his vacation driving across the state and visiting with all 13 PBS stations in California, “California’s Gold” premiered in April of that year.
- 5) “California’s Gold” highlighted small towns, landmarks, events, or places of interest throughout the state that were not well known to the general public.
- 6) Howser donated his videotaped collection of “California’s Gold” episodes, as well as those of his other series, to Chapman University in 2011, along with his personal papers and large collection of books on California history.
- 7) On January 7, 2013, Howser passed away at the age of 67 after a long battle with cancer. Howser’s entire body of work helped to shape the history, culture, and people of California.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 99**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Davies**

June 16, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to Scleroderma Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 99, as introduced, Davies. Scleroderma Awareness Day.

This measure would declare June 29, 2025, as Scleroderma Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Scleroderma is a chronic, systemic autoimmune  
2 disease primarily characterized by the hardening of the skin, its  
3 hallmark symptom, but its impact can extend far beyond the skin  
4 to involve internal organs, which can lead to severe complications;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Scleroderma is distinguished into two main types:  
7 localized scleroderma, which mainly affects the skin, and systemic  
8 sclerosis, which can affect large areas of skin and vital organs,  
9 including the heart, lungs, kidneys, and gastrointestinal tract; and

10 WHEREAS, The exact causes of scleroderma remain unclear,  
11 but it is thought to arise from a combination of genetic and  
12 environmental factors, leading to an overproduction of collagen;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Statistically, scleroderma affects approximately  
15 300,000 Americans, of which 80 percent are women who are

1 usually between the ages of 30 and 50, although it can manifest at  
2 any age; and

3 WHEREAS, The diversity in symptoms and severity makes  
4 scleroderma a particularly challenging disease to diagnose and  
5 manage, often requiring a multidisciplinary approach to treatment  
6 that includes rheumatologists, dermatologists, and other specialists;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The impact of scleroderma is profound due to the  
9 progressive nature of the disease and its effect on multiple body  
10 systems; and

11 WHEREAS, The psychological and socio-economic impacts of  
12 scleroderma on patients and their families are considerable,  
13 affecting quality of life and daily functioning; and

14 WHEREAS, In the State of California, recognizing the need for  
15 increased awareness and support for scleroderma is crucial; and

16 WHEREAS, The Scleroderma Foundation of California funds  
17 education and awareness programs with a mission to empower the  
18 scleroderma community to live their best lives through programs  
19 dedicated to support, education, and research; and

20 WHEREAS, The establishment of Scleroderma Awareness Day  
21 aims to enhance public understanding of the disease, promote early  
22 diagnosis and treatment, and mobilize community resources and  
23 support for those affected; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares June 29,  
26 2025, as Scleroderma Awareness Day in California, acknowledges  
27 the significant challenges faced by individuals living with  
28 scleroderma, and affirms the state's support for medical research  
29 and advocacy efforts aimed at combating this debilitating disease;  
30 and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the declaration of June 29, 2025, as Scleroderma  
32 Awareness Day in California reflects the state's commitment to  
33 public health and the well-being of its constituents; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 99 (Davies) – As Introduced June 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Scleroderma Awareness Day.

**SUMMARY:** Declares June 29, 2025, as Scleroderma Awareness Day in California to reflect the state’s commitment to public health and the well-being of its constituents. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Scleroderma is a chronic, systemic autoimmune disease primarily characterized by the hardening of the skin, its hallmark symptom, but its impact can extend far beyond the skin to involve internal organs, which can lead to severe complications.
- 2) Scleroderma is distinguished into two main types: localized scleroderma, which mainly affects the skin, and systemic sclerosis, which can affect large areas of skin and vital organs, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, and gastrointestinal tract.
- 3) The exact causes of scleroderma remain unclear, but it is thought to arise from a combination of genetic and environmental factors, leading to an overproduction of collagen.
- 4) The diversity in symptoms and severity makes scleroderma a particularly challenging disease to diagnose and manage, often requiring a multidisciplinary approach to treatment that includes rheumatologists, dermatologists, and other specialists.
- 5) The impact of scleroderma is profound due to the progressive nature of the disease and its effect on multiple body systems. The psychological and socio-economic impacts of scleroderma on patients and their families are considerable, affecting quality of life and daily functioning.
- 6) The establishment of Scleroderma Awareness Day aims to enhance public understanding of the disease, promote early diagnosis and treatment, and mobilize community resources and support for those affected.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**House Resolution**

**No. 47**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Patel**

June 17, 2025

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House Resolution No. 47—Relative to the 4th of July.

1 WHEREAS, July 4, 2025, marks the 249th anniversary of the  
2 signing of the Declaration of Independence, and by the adoption  
3 of that document — formally entitled, “The unanimous Declaration  
4 of the thirteen united States of America” — the nation we today  
5 know as the United States of America officially came into being,  
6 an occasion forever memorialized by President Abraham Lincoln  
7 in the words of his Gettysburg Address as when “... our fathers  
8 brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty,  
9 and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal”;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, On June 7, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
12 at a location today known as Independence Hall, Virginia delegate  
13 Richard Henry Lee brought the following resolution before the  
14 Second Continental Congress of the United Colonies: “Resolved,  
15 That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and  
16 independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to  
17 the British Crown, and that all political connection between them  
18 and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved  
19 ... .”; and

20 WHEREAS, On June 8, 1776, Lee’s resolution was referred to  
21 a committee of the whole of the Continental Congress, at which  
22 time they spent most of that day, as well as June 10, debating  
23 independence; and

1 WHEREAS, On June 11, 1776, a “Committee of Five” — with  
2 Thomas Jefferson of Virginia being picked unanimously as its first  
3 member, and also including John Adams of Massachusetts,  
4 Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New  
5 York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut — was charged with  
6 drafting a declaration of independence for consideration by the  
7 Continental Congress; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the Committee of Five assigned  
9 Jefferson the task of producing a draft declaration, and on June  
10 28, 1776, he produced a draft that, with minor changes by the  
11 committee members, was forwarded to the Congress for its further  
12 consideration; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress  
14 adopted the Lee resolution upon the affirmative vote of 12 of the  
15 13 colonial delegations, an occasion that delegate and future  
16 President John Adams detailed to his wife Abigail in a letter written  
17 July 3, 1776, as follows: “Yesterday the greatest Question was  
18 decided, which ever was debated in America, and a greater,  
19 perhaps, never was or will be decided among Men ... .”; and

20 WHEREAS, On July 4, 1776, after further debate and changes  
21 to the committee document, the Continental Congress adopted the  
22 Declaration of Independence establishing the United States of  
23 America, to which John Hancock that day affixed his signature,  
24 with 55 other delegates representing the 13 colonies — now states  
25 of the newly created nation — signing the declaration within the  
26 next several weeks; and

27 WHEREAS, July 4 is a day unlike any other — in the history  
28 of the United States of America, and indeed, the world — in that  
29 not only is it the day that an infant nation formally defied the most  
30 powerful empire on earth in a quest for freedom, liberty, and  
31 independence, but even more importantly because on that day this  
32 new nation declared as a “self-evident truth” — known and  
33 knowable to all persons at all times in all places throughout the  
34 world — the radical notion that “all men are created equal ...  
35 endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that  
36 among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”; and

37 WHEREAS, Since its adoption and bold pronouncement more  
38 than two centuries ago, the Declaration of Independence and the  
39 principles which animate that timeless document have inspired  
40 literally billions of persons around the world to pursue freedom in

1 their own nations, for themselves and their own loved ones, and  
2 for their fellow men and women, and remain today an imperfectly  
3 unrealized goal to which all Americans and all who cherish liberty  
4 must rededicate themselves, just as the drafters and signers of the  
5 Declaration of Independence did by declaring: “with a firm reliance  
6 on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each  
7 other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor”; and

8 WHEREAS, On each July 4, it is both proper and fitting that  
9 the institutions of California government, and indeed all  
10 Californians, express heartfelt gratitude and indebtedness to those  
11 individuals who have served in the Armed Forces of the United  
12 States, and in particular to those who have suffered the injuries of  
13 battle and who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting  
14 freedom and liberty around the world, recalling the words of  
15 President Abraham Lincoln that, as a result of their profound  
16 sacrifice, “... this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of  
17 freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for  
18 the people, shall not perish from the earth”; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
20 Assembly of the State of California does — and intends to each  
21 July 4 — take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate July 4,  
22 2025, the 249th anniversary of the birth of our great nation, and  
23 the signing of the Declaration of Independence that this day  
24 represents; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Assembly of the State of California calls  
26 upon all the people of the great State of California, and the United  
27 States of America, to take the opportunity of each July 4 holiday  
28 to obtain a greater knowledge and understanding of the facts and  
29 circumstances that compelled the 13 original colonies to declare  
30 their independence, and of the timeless principles of liberty,  
31 equality, and self-determination that rest at the heart of the  
32 Declaration of Independence; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Assembly of the State of California, on behalf  
34 of a grateful citizenry, hereby expresses its heartfelt thanks,  
35 appreciation, and prayers to all who have served — and who  
36 currently serve — in the Armed Forces of the United States, in  
37 recognition of the countless sacrifices and the indispensable role  
38 these brave individuals have played even before the founding of  
39 our nation on July 4, 1776, in preserving, protecting, and defending

1 the freedoms and liberties of all Americans, and expanding freedom  
2 throughout the world; and be it further  
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall make  
4 available suitable copies of this resolution for distribution by  
5 Members of the Assembly of the State of California.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 47 (Patel) – As Introduced June 17, 2025

**SUBJECT:** The 4th of July.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes and celebrates July 4, 2025, as the 249th anniversary of the birth of our great nation, and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) July 4, 2025, marks the 249th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and by the adoption of that document formally titled, “The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America”, the nation we today know as the United States of America officially came into being, an occasion forever memorialized by President Abraham Lincoln in the words of his Gettysburg Address as when “...our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”
- 2) On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee brought forth a resolution, which resolved that the colonies should be “free and independent states...and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is, and ought to be, totally dissolved....” On June 8, 1776, Lee’s resolution was referred to a committee of the whole of the Continental Congress, at which time they spent most of that day, as well as June 10, debating independence.
- 3) After several days of debate, a "Committee of Five," which included Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut, was charged with drafting a declaration of independence for consideration by the Continental Congress.
- 4) On July 4, 1776, after further debate and changes to the committee document, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence establishing the United States of America; and, John Hancock that day affixed his signature, with 55 other delegates representing the 13 colonies – now states of the newly created nation – signing the declaration within the next several weeks.
- 5) Since its adoption and bold pronouncement more than two centuries ago, the Declaration of Independence has inspired literally billions of persons around the world to pursue freedom in their own nations, for themselves, and their loved ones. Americans must rededicate themselves just as the drafters and signers of the Declaration of Independence did more than two centuries ago.
- 6) On each July 4, it is both proper and fitting that the institutions of California government, and all Californians, express heartfelt gratitude and indebtedness to those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and in particular, to those who have suffered the injuries of battle and who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting freedom and liberty around the world.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Padilla  
(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Umberg,  
Valladares, and Weber Pierson)**

March 4, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Relative to GM1  
Gangliosidosis Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 33, as introduced, Padilla. GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day.  
This measure would declare May 23, 2025, as GM1 Gangliosidosis  
Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, GM1 Gangliosidosis is a rare inherited disease that  
2 results in neurodegeneration and a progressive loss of abilities  
3 until death, leaving children, adolescents, and adults impaired with  
4 significant physical and developmental disabilities; and  
5 WHEREAS, GM1 Gangliosidosis is severely underdiagnosed  
6 and misdiagnosed and occurs in only one in every 100,000 to  
7 200,000 live births; and  
8 WHEREAS, Lack of public awareness and visibility of GM1  
9 Gangliosidosis contributes to underdiagnosis and difficulties in  
10 accessing specialized services and proper rehabilitation and  
11 support; and  
12 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of GM1 Gangliosidosis is important  
13 to ensure timely management of clinical complications, genetic  
14 counseling, and, when available, treatment and therapeutic  
15 remedies; and



1 WHEREAS, The goal is to raise awareness and increase the  
2 accurate and timely diagnosis of this rare inherited lysosomal  
3 disorder known as GM1 Gangliosidosis; now, therefore, be it  
4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 23, 2025,  
6 as GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day in California; and be it  
7 further  
8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
9 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 33 (Padilla) – As Introduced March 4, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day.

**SUMMARY:** Declares May 23, 2025, as GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) GM1 Gangliosidosis is a rare inherited disease that results in neurodegeneration and a progressive loss of abilities until death, leaving children, adolescents, and adults impaired with significant physical and developmental disabilities.
- 2) GM1 Gangliosidosis is severely underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed and occurs in only one in every 100,000 to 200,000 live births.
- 3) Lack of public awareness and visibility of GM1 Gangliosidosis contributes to underdiagnosis and difficulties in accessing specialized services and proper rehabilitation and support.
- 4) Early diagnosis of GM1 Gangliosidosis is important to ensure timely management of clinical complications, genetic counseling, and, when available, treatment and therapeutic remedies.
- 5) The goal is to raise awareness and increase the accurate and timely diagnosis of this rare inherited lysosomal disorder known as GM1 Gangliosidosis.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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June 2, 2025

Senator Stephen C. Padilla  
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**RE: SCR 33 (Padilla) – SUPPORT**

Honorable Senator Padilla:

California's regional centers are a network of 21 community-based non-profits, represented by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA). The regional centers coordinate services for, and advocate on behalf of, over 450,000 Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). On behalf of ARCA, I am pleased to express our support of SCR 33 designating May 23, 2025, as GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day in California.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have unique needs. For over 50 years the state of California has committed to meeting those needs through a community-based regional center service system. With the passage of time, people's needs, the best ways to meet those needs, and our understanding of the philosophies that guide our system have continued to evolve.

GM1 Gangliosidosis is a rare genetic disorder that can lead to developmental disabilities. The progressive destruction of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord may result in developmental delays, which our state's service system was originally designed to address.

Increasing awareness of GM1 Gangliosidosis is a worthy goal. We are grateful for your willingness to help advance awareness of this issue and thank you for authoring SCR 33.

If you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Roxy Ortiz in our office at [rortiz@arcanet.org](mailto:rortiz@arcanet.org) or (916) 877-8620.

Sincerely,

/s/Amy Westling  
Executive Director

Cc: Alexis Castro, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Padilla  
Cece Sidley, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Padilla  
Emily Zhou, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Padilla  
Tony Anderson, Associate Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)  
Lavinia Johnson, Executive Director, Inland Regional Center  
Mark Klaus, Executive Director, San Diego Regional Center

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**Introduced by Senator Wiener**

**(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Becker, Rubio, and Stern)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Addis, Ahrens, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Gabriel, Haney, Irwin, Krell, Lowenthal, Pellerin, Blanca Rubio, Ward, and Zbur)

March 24, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to California Holocaust Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 46, as introduced, Wiener. California Holocaust Memorial Day.

This measure would proclaim April 24, 2025, as California Holocaust Memorial Day and would urge all Californians to observe this day of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the  
2 world had never before witnessed; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 70 years have passed since the tragic  
4 events that we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which  
5 the dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered 6,000,000 Jews as  
6 part of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final  
7 Solution to the Jewish Question”; and

8 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims of the Holocaust,  
9 but they were not alone. Millions of other people were murdered  
10 in Nazi concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,  
11 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political  
12 annihilation under the Nazi regime; and

1 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who  
2 resisted the Nazis and provided assistance to the victims of the  
3 Nazi regime, including the many American soldiers who liberated  
4 concentration camps and provided comfort to those suffering; and

5 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,  
6 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the  
7 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its  
8 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible  
11 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against antisemitism,  
12 racism, hatred, persecution, and tyranny of all forms lest these  
13 atrocities be repeated; and

14 WHEREAS, In recent years, public displays of antisemitism  
15 and antisemitic violence have increased dramatically in California  
16 and around the world, and since the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack  
17 on Israel, and the resulting war, there has been a staggering  
18 proliferation of hate targeting the Jewish community and Jewish  
19 community institutions; and

20 WHEREAS, We, the people of the State of California, should  
21 actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality, human  
22 rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of  
23 a just and democratic society; and

24 WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments  
25 of their time every year to give remembrance to those who lost  
26 their lives in the Holocaust; and

27 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council  
28 recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the  
29 Holocaust, including Holocaust Remembrance Day, known as  
30 Yom HaShoah; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 24, 2025,  
33 as “California Holocaust Memorial Day” and urges Californians  
34 to observe this day of remembrance for victims of the Holocaust  
35 in an appropriate manner; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit sufficient  
37 copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 46 (Wiener) – As Introduced March 24, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** California Holocaust Memorial Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims April 24, 2025, as “California Holocaust Memorial Day;” and, urges Californians to observe this day of remembrance for victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 70 years have passed since the tragic events that we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which six million Jews, and millions of other people, were murdered as part of a carefully orchestrated, state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political annihilation under the Nazi regime.
- 2) We must recognize the heroism of those who resisted the Nazis and provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including the many American soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided comfort to those suffering.
- 3) We must teach our children, and future generations, that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity.
- 4) In recent years, public displays of antisemitism and antisemitic violence have increased dramatically in California and around the world, and since the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel, and the resulting war, there has been a staggering proliferation of hate targeting the Jewish community and Jewish community institutions.
- 5) The people of California should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality, human rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society. Each person in California should set aside moments of their time every year to give remembrance to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Laird**

March 27, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51—Relative to Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 51, as introduced, Laird. Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2025 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis, a chronic and progressive systemic
- 2 disease for which there is no known cure, is the most common
- 3 fatal genetic disease in the United States; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Over 40,000 children and adults in the United
- 5 States have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, and more than
- 6 1,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, predominantly through
- 7 newborn screening; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis impacts individuals of every race
- 9 and ethnicity, but due to health disparities and newborn screening
- 10 panels that fail to capture rare cystic fibrosis transmembrane
- 11 conductance regulator (CFTR) mutations, many individuals with
- 12 cystic fibrosis are misdiagnosed or diagnosed late; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Due to progress in understanding the disease and
- 14 new therapeutic advances, 50 percent of children diagnosed with
- 15 cystic fibrosis after 2019 will survive to 61 years of age; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Despite advances in disease understanding and
- 17 new therapies, the median age of death for those with cystic fibrosis
- 18 is only 37 years of age; and

1 WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health estimate that  
2 more than 10,000,000 Americans are unknowing, symptomless  
3 carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene and have high odds of passing  
4 the gene to their children; and

5 WHEREAS, Prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms of  
6 cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who have the disease;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have  
9 produced promising leads in gene, mRNA, and drug therapies  
10 beneficial to people who have the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis research continues for potential  
12 therapies, and a nationwide network of care centers exists to  
13 improve the length and quality of life for individuals with cystic  
14 fibrosis; however, lives continue to be lost to this disease; and

15 WHEREAS, The Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute (CFRI) was  
16 formed in 1975 by a group of parents whose children with cystic  
17 fibrosis were not expected to survive their teen years; and

18 WHEREAS, The CFRI's mission is to be a global resource for  
19 the cystic fibrosis community while pursuing a cure through  
20 research, education, advocacy, and support; and

21 WHEREAS, The CFRI provides funding for innovative cystic  
22 fibrosis research at medical and academic centers nationwide to  
23 expand understanding of the disease process and to seek new  
24 therapies and ultimately a cure for this challenging multisystemic  
25 disease; and

26 WHEREAS, The CFRI seeks to improve the quality of life for  
27 all people with cystic fibrosis in California and the nation, as well  
28 as their family members, by providing psychosocial support  
29 programs; and

30 WHEREAS, Education of the public about cystic fibrosis,  
31 including the symptoms of the disease and its impact upon people  
32 of all races and ethnicities, increases knowledge and understanding  
33 of cystic fibrosis and promotes early diagnosis, and the CFRI serves  
34 as a vital link in providing vital educational resources; and

35 WHEREAS, Support for those impacted by cystic fibrosis, a  
36 rare disease, begins with the raising of public awareness, and the  
37 CFRI works within the diverse cystic fibrosis community on both  
38 the state and national level to advocate for continued research,  
39 access to quality care, and the development of new therapies to  
40 extend and enhance lives; now, therefore, be it



1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
2 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the month of*  
3 *May 2025 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; and be it further*

4 *Resolved, That the Legislature honors the goals and ideals of*  
5 *Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month so as to promote public*  
6 *awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis and the diverse*  
7 *communities it impacts; and be it further*

8 *Resolved, That the Legislature encourages early diagnosis and*  
9 *access to quality care for all people with cystic fibrosis to improve*  
10 *the quality of their lives, advocates for increased support for people*  
11 *who have cystic fibrosis and their families, and supports research*  
12 *to find a cure for cystic fibrosis; and be it further*

13 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*  
14 *this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 51 (Laird) – As Introduced March 27, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of May 2025 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, to promote public awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis and the diverse communities it impacts. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cystic fibrosis, a chronic and progressive systemic disease for which there is no known cure, is the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States.
- 2) Over 40,000 children and adults in the United States have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, and more than 1,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, predominantly through newborn screening.
- 3) Cystic fibrosis impacts individuals of every race and ethnicity, but due to health disparities and newborn screening panels that fail to capture rare cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) mutations, many individuals with cystic fibrosis are misdiagnosed or diagnosed late.
- 4) Despite advances in disease understanding and new therapies, the median age of death for those with cystic fibrosis is only 37 years of age. Prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms of cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who have the disease.
- 5) Education of the public about cystic fibrosis, including the symptoms of the disease and its impact upon people of all races and ethnicities, increases knowledge and understanding of cystic fibrosis and promotes early diagnosis, and the Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute serves as a vital link in providing vital educational resources.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 21, 2025

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 52**

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**Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh**

**(Coauthors: Senators Allen, *Alvarado-Gil*, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Blakespear, Cervantes, Choi, Dahle, Gonzalez, Grove, Jones, Limón, Mc Nerney, Menjivar, Niello, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, and Wiener)**

*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alanis, Dixon, Garcia, Pacheco, and Quirk-Silva)*

March 28, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 52—Relative to the Girl Scouts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 52, as amended, Ochoa Bogh. Girl Scout Day.

This measure would applaud the California Girl Scout Councils for 113 years of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place, and recognize March 12, ~~2025~~ 2025, as Girl Scout Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, March 12, 2025, marks the 113th anniversary of
- 2 Girl Scouts of the United States of America, whose mission is to
- 3 “build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the
- 4 world a better place;” and
- 5 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts offers girls 21st century programming
- 6 in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the
- 7 outdoors; entrepreneurship; and beyond, helping girls develop

1 invaluable life skills through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience;  
2 and  
3 WHEREAS, Today, more than 50 million women—trailblazers,  
4 visionaries, and leaders—are Girl Scout ~~alums who~~ *alumna who*  
5 *each* embody the Girl Scout mission every day; and  
6 WHEREAS, The Girl Scout Movement began on March 12,  
7 1912, when Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low, a native of Savannah,  
8 Georgia, organized a group of 18 girls and provided them with the  
9 opportunity to develop physically, intellectually, socially, and  
10 spiritually; and  
11 WHEREAS, Public service and civic engagement were a  
12 cornerstone of Juliette Gordon Low’s life and remain an important  
13 part of today’s Girl Scout experience, with programming designed  
14 to encourage girls to seek opportunities to learn about federal,  
15 state, and local government; research and engage with their elected  
16 officials; and inspire girls to become civically minded individuals  
17 equipped with the tools to make a positive change in the world;  
18 and  
19 WHEREAS, The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award  
20 in Girl Scouting and in 2024 more than 400 California Girl Scouts  
21 earned the prestigious award, collectively contributing more than  
22 33,000 hours to making a positive, lasting impact in their  
23 communities; and  
24 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts’ commitment to getting girls outdoors,  
25 including exciting summer camp experiences, comes from Juliette  
26 Gordon Low’s lifelong appreciation for nature and the  
27 environment; and  
28 WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low utilized her extensive network  
29 of friends across the country and around the world to establish the  
30 foundation for the Girl Scout Movement, creating opportunities  
31 for girls to form lifelong friendships with fellow Girl Scouts; and  
32 WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low believed in the power of  
33 global connections and the ability of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts  
34 to positively impact their communities and the world, serving as  
35 the movement’s worldwide ambassador and first Girl Scout Global  
36 Citizen; and  
37 WHEREAS, On March 25, 2025, the Juliette Gordon Low  
38 Commemorative Quarter will be released into circulation by the  
39 United States Mint, celebrating the enduring legacy the Girl Scout  
40 founder and the Girl Scout Movement; and

1 WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low’s journey from trailblazing  
2 leader to a face on our nation’s currency is a testament to the power  
3 of girls and women everywhere; and

4 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of California’s Central Coast, Girl  
5 Scouts of Central California South, Girl Scouts Heart of Central  
6 California, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, Girl Scouts of  
7 Northern California, Girl Scouts of Orange County, Girl Scouts  
8 San Diego, and Girl Scouts of San Geronimo are the largest  
9 girl-serving organizations in California, collectively serving  
10 125,152 girls in every county within the state; now, therefore, be  
11 it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature applauds the California  
14 Girl Scout Councils for 113 years of building girls of courage,  
15 confidence, and character, who make the world a better place, and  
16 recognizes March 12, ~~2025~~ 2025, as Girl Scout Day in California;  
17 and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
19 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 52 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Amended April 21, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Girl Scout Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes March 12, 2025, as Girl Scout Day in California; and, applauds the California Girl Scout Councils for 113 years of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March 12, 2025, marks the 113th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, whose mission is to “build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.”
- 2) The Girl Scout Movement began on March 12, 1912, when Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low, a native of Savannah, Georgia, organized a group of 18 girls and provided them with the opportunity to develop physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually.
- 3) Public service and civic engagement were a cornerstone of Juliette Gordon Low’s life and remain an important part of today’s Girl Scout experience, with programming designed to encourage girls to seek opportunities to learn about federal, state, and local government; research and engage with their elected officials; and, inspire girls to become civically minded individuals equipped with the tools to make a positive change in the world.
- 4) Girl Scouts offers girls 21st century programming in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the outdoors; entrepreneurship; and beyond, helping girls develop invaluable life skills through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
- 5) Today, more than 50 million women—trailblazers, visionaries, and leaders—are Girl Scout alumna who each embody the Girl Scout mission every day.
- 6) Girl Scouts of California’s Central Coast, Girl Scouts of Central California South, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, Girl Scouts of Northern California, Girl Scouts of Orange County, Girl Scouts San Diego, and Girl Scouts of San Geronio are the largest girl-serving organizations in California, collectively serving 125,152 girls in every county within the state.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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**Introduced by Senator Archuleta  
(Coauthors: Senators Grove and Umberg)**

April 2, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to National Military Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 56, as introduced, Archuleta. National Military Appreciation Month.

This measure would honor those service members who have served and are serving in our nation’s military, and would recognize the month of May 2025 as National Military Appreciation Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month began with  
2 a simple idea—to gather America around its military family to  
3 honor, remember, recognize, and appreciate those who serve and  
4 have served all while knowing its history; and  
5 WHEREAS, Throughout our country’s history, generations of  
6 service members have answered the call to leave their families and  
7 their jobs, and to put their futures and even their lives on the line  
8 to valiantly defend our nation and its inalienable rights; and  
9 WHEREAS, For many service members, that sacrifice has ended  
10 in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the  
11 continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty;  
12 and  
13 WHEREAS, The first federal legislation for National Military  
14 Appreciation Month (S.Res. 33) began in 1999 with the support  
15 and sponsorship of Senator John McCain of Arizona and



1 Representative Duncan Hunter of San Diego, California, along  
 2 with over 50 veteran service organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, The purpose of this important resolution is to let  
 4 our service members know that those they protect dedicate an  
 5 entire month to honor, remember, and appreciate their patriotism  
 6 and their families’ dedication; and

7 WHEREAS, This special recognition provides an opportunity  
 8 to acknowledge both the history of the Armed Forces of the United  
 9 States and the diversity of its individuals and achievements. It  
 10 allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical  
 11 impact of our military, through the participation of the community  
 12 with those who serve, encouraging patriotism and love for America;  
 13 and

14 WHEREAS, This very important month honors, remembers,  
 15 recognizes, and appreciates all military personnel, the service  
 16 members who have served throughout our history, all who now  
 17 serve in uniform, and their families, and those Americans who  
 18 have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy  
 19 today; and

20 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month recognizes  
 21 those on active duty in all branches of the service, the United States  
 22 National Guard and Army Reserve, retirees, veterans, and all of  
 23 their families—well over 90,000,000 Americans. Let us celebrate  
 24 them just as we celebrate the other important entities that make  
 25 up this wonderful country of ours; and

26 WHEREAS, California boasts more than 30 major defense  
 27 installations, incorporating all military services, more than double  
 28 any other state, and California’s diverse network of training ranges  
 29 are a national treasure that cannot be replicated or replaced; and

30 WHEREAS, Each California military base, accounting for over  
 31 128,373 active duty personnel stationed in the state, has unique,  
 32 important military value and is making critical contributions to  
 33 national security for today and the future; and

34 WHEREAS, Over 18,751 Californians serve in the California  
 35 Air National Guard and Army National Guard and 37,416  
 36 Californians serve in United States Army Reserve, United States  
 37 Marine Corps Reserve, United States Air Force Reserve, United  
 38 States Navy Reserve, and United States Coast Guard Reserve; and

39 WHEREAS, California offers the best combination of  
 40 technology, industry, and academia in support of military needs

1 and critical contributions for national security, for today and the  
2 future, including the Naval Postgraduate School and 7 of the top  
3 25 research universities in California; and

4 WHEREAS, America’s best trained and most experienced  
5 aerospace and technology workforce lives and works in California  
6 and is committed to staying and supporting military requirements;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, California possesses a unique combination of  
9 irreplaceable assets of weather, climate, terrain, and available space  
10 on land, sea, and in the air, and hosts the people, buildings, and  
11 equipment to use those assets full time. California’s unique value  
12 lies in the interconnectedness and close proximity of its large  
13 unencroached military desert lands and nearby mountainous terrain,  
14 the largest restricted airspace in the continental United States, and  
15 extensive deepwater operating areas off its coast; and

16 WHEREAS, Our military continues to play a major role in the  
17 development of our country, as chronicled through a history of  
18 unbending honor, dedication to duty, and genuine love of country;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The role of the United States as a world leader  
21 requires a military force that is well trained, well equipped, and  
22 appropriately sized; and

23 WHEREAS, This month is necessary to remind us of the  
24 sacrifices of the service members who have answered the call to  
25 serve and the history we, as Americans, have been privileged to  
26 participate in throughout more than 245 years; and

27 WHEREAS, Our military represents the highest caliber of  
28 professionalism, patriotism, and technology, and service members  
29 willingly risk their lives on a moment’s notice; and

30 WHEREAS, Through appropriate means, federal, state, and local  
31 government and private sector entities are invited to participate in  
32 this special month and to encourage everyone to sponsor and  
33 participate in programs via multiple venues, giving the nation a  
34 time and place upon which to focus, draw attention, and express  
35 our appreciation and thanks to our military family; and

36 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month, May 2025,  
37 includes Loyalty Day on May 1, V-E Day on May 8, Military  
38 Spouse Appreciation Day on May 9, Armed Forces Day on May  
39 17, and Memorial Day on May 26; and

1 WHEREAS, The observance of events recognizing the  
2 contributions of the Armed Forces is a tangible and highly effective  
3 way of sustaining morale and improving the quality of life for  
4 service members and their families; now, therefore, be it  
5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
6 *thereof concurring,* That the Senate honors those service members  
7 who have served and are serving in our nation’s military, and  
8 recognizes the month of May 2025 as National Military  
9 Appreciation Month; and be it further  
10 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 56 (Archuleta) – As Introduced April 2, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** National Military Appreciation Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of May 2025 as National Military Appreciation Month, and honors those service members who have served and are serving in our nation’s military. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) National Military Appreciation Month began with a simple idea—to gather America around its military family to honor, remember, recognize, and appreciate those who serve and have served all while knowing its history.
- 2) Throughout our country’s history, generations of service members have answered the call to leave their families and their jobs, and to put their futures and even their lives on the line to valiantly defend our nation and its inalienable rights.
- 3) For many service members, that sacrifice has ended in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty.
- 4) National Military Appreciation Month recognizes those on active duty in all branches of the service, the United States National Guard and Army Reserve, retirees, veterans, and all of their families—well over 90 million Americans.
- 5) This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes, and appreciates all military personnel, the service members who have served throughout our history, all who now serve in uniform, and their families, and those Americans who have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy today.
- 6) National Military Appreciation Month, May 2025, includes Loyalty Day on May 1, V-E Day on May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 9, Armed Forces Day on May 17, and Memorial Day on May 26.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 30, 2025

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 58**

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**Introduced by Senator Wahab**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Cabaldon and Choi)**  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bains, Muratsuchi, and Patel)*

April 7, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 58, as amended, Wahab. Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would commend Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and contributions to California and would recognize May 2025 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific  
2 Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in the  
3 City of New Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked  
4 the Manila-Acapulco trade route settled; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made  
6 indelible contributions throughout the history of California and  
7 the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the  
8 Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the United States  
9 Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars,  
10 coorganizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil  
11 rights; and

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1 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured  
2 hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and  
3 discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state’s and  
4 nation’s history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized  
5 citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, antimiscegenation  
6 laws, and Japanese internment; and

7 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to  
8 cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business,  
9 technology, education, science, government, law, humanities,  
10 medicine, sports, and entertainment; and

11 WHEREAS, California is home to over 7 million Asian and  
12 Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian  
13 and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the ~~fastest-growing~~  
14 *fastest-growing* ethnic populations in the state and nation; and

15 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute  
16 16 percent of California’s population and represent diverse  
17 ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian,  
18 Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro,  
19 Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo  
20 Jiman, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian,  
21 Mongolian, Native Hawaiian, Nepalese, Okinawan, Pakistani,  
22 Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Tongan,  
23 Vietnamese, and other Asian and Pacific Islander groups; and

24 WHEREAS, California’s Asian and Pacific Islander American  
25 entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses  
26 to the pinnacle of their respective industries nationally and globally,  
27 and 31.5 percent of the nation’s Asian-owned businesses are in  
28 California; and

29 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific  
30 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged  
31 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on  
32 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,  
33 and interests of California’s Asian and Pacific Islander American  
34 communities; and

35 WHEREAS, Federal law designates May as “Asian/Pacific  
36 American Heritage Month” in Section 102 of Title 36 of the United  
37 States Code; and

38 WHEREAS, Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage  
39 Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the

1 achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific  
2 Islander Americans; now, therefore, be it  
3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Asian and  
5 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and  
6 contributions to California, and recognizes May 2025 as Asian  
7 and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and be it further  
8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
9 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 58 (Wahab) – As Amended April 30, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 35-0

**SUBJECT:** Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2025 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, and commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and contributions to California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked the Manila-Acapulco trade route settled.
- 2) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made indelible contributions throughout the history of California and the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the United States Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars, co-organizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights.
- 3) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, anti-miscegenation laws, and Japanese internment.
- 4) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine, sports, and entertainment.
- 5) California is home to over 7 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest-growing ethnic populations in the state and nation.
- 6) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute 16 percent of California's population and represent diverse ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Taiwanese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo Jiman, Guamanian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian, Mongolian, Native Hawaiian, Nepalese, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese, and other Asian and Pacific Islander groups.
- 7) Federal law designates May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month" in Section 102 of Title 36 of the United States Code.



- 8) Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Cortese**

April 9, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60—Relative to School Bus Drivers’ Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 60, as introduced, Cortese. School Bus Drivers’ Day.

This measure would designate April 22, 2025, as School Bus Drivers’ Day in California, in order to draw special public attention to school bus drivers for their continued and excellent services to pupils in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Annually, on the fourth Tuesday of April, the
- 2 People of California officially recognize all school bus drivers for
- 3 their continued and excellent services to the youth of the state, and
- 4 these drivers are deserving of special public recognition and the
- 5 highest commendations; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The California Association of School
- 7 Transportation Officials is a professional organization that
- 8 promotes safe pupil transportation and advocates for continued
- 9 high standards for California’s school bus drivers; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The safety of our children rests in the hands of
- 11 trained school bus drivers for up to six or seven hours each school
- 12 day; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Personal time and energy are expended by school
- 14 bus drivers in their initial training, maintaining a current license,
- 15 perfecting their driving skills, and accruing added knowledge of
- 16 school bus laws through continuing education classes; and

1 WHEREAS, School bus drivers, through counseling and  
2 disciplinary techniques, are sometimes asked to assist pupils in  
3 appropriate interactive peer and adult behavior; and  
4 WHEREAS, School bus drivers often face natural and  
5 unexpected hazards in the performance of their duties; and  
6 WHEREAS, School bus drivers exhibit patience and kindness  
7 toward pupils, parents, and school staff in the performance of their  
8 duties; and  
9 WHEREAS, School bus drivers consistently demonstrate an  
10 awareness of, and direct attention to, the mechanical maintenance  
11 of the school bus and safety conditions of the school bus routes;  
12 and  
13 WHEREAS, School bus drivers perform their services for  
14 thousands and thousands of accident-free miles, year after year;  
15 now, therefore, be it  
16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
17 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates April  
18 22, 2025, as School Bus Driver’s Day in California, in order to  
19 draw special public attention to school bus drivers for their  
20 continued and excellent services to pupils in California; and be it  
21 further  
22 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
23 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 60 (Cortese) – As Introduced April 9, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** School Bus Drivers' Day.

**SUMMARY:** Designates April 22, 2025, as School Bus Driver's Day in California, in order to draw special public attention to school bus drivers for their continued and excellent services to pupils in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The safety of our children rests in the hands of trained school bus drivers for up to six or seven hours each school day.
- 2) School bus drivers, through counseling and disciplinary techniques, are sometimes asked to assist pupils in appropriate interactive peer and adult behavior.
- 3) Personal time and energy are expended by school bus drivers in their initial training, maintaining a current license, perfecting their driving skills, and accruing added knowledge of school bus laws through continuing education classes.
- 4) School bus drivers often face natural and unexpected hazards in the performance of their duties. They exhibit patience and kindness toward pupils, parents, and school staff in the performance of their duties.
- 5) School bus drivers consistently demonstrate an awareness of, and direct attention to, the mechanical maintenance of the school bus and safety conditions of the school bus routes. They perform their services for thousands and thousands of accident-free miles, year after year.
- 6) Annually, on the fourth Tuesday of April, the People of California officially recognize all school bus drivers for their continued and excellent services to the youth of the state, and these drivers are deserving of special public recognition and the highest commendations.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Becker**

April 21, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to National Public Works Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 62, as introduced, Becker. National Public Works Week.

This measure would declare the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, inclusive, as National Public Works Week in the State of California, and would request that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great State of California to observe the week with appropriate programs and educational activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Public works professionals focus on facilities,
- 2 infrastructure, and services that are of vital importance to
- 3 sustainable and resilient communities, and to the public health,
- 4 high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the State of
- 5 California; and
- 6 WHEREAS, These facilities, infrastructure, and services could
- 7 not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works
- 8 professionals, including engineers, managers, and employees, at
- 9 all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible
- 10 for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s
- 11 transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste
- 12 systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities
- 13 essential for our citizens; and
- 14 WHEREAS, It is in the public interest of California communities
- 15 to gain knowledge of, and maintain an ongoing interest in and

1 understanding of, the importance of public works and public works  
2 programs in their respective communities; and

3 WHEREAS, Public works is often considered “the silent arm  
4 of public safety,” usually without fanfare. Public works  
5 professionals provide vital support to emergency response partners,  
6 helping to protect essential services and restore those services  
7 following an emergency, and are often the first on scene and the  
8 last to leave the scenes of disasters, no matter the peril; and

9 WHEREAS, The year 2025 marks the 65th annual National  
10 Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works  
11 Association; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Public Works Association applauds  
13 the national recognition of the “Public Works First Responder”  
14 status and its use to support and promote public works first  
15 responders; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the week  
18 of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, inclusive, as National Public  
19 Works Week in the State of California, and requests that the  
20 Governor issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great  
21 State of California to observe the week with appropriate programs  
22 and educational activities; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the authors for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 62 (Becker) – As Introduced April 21, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** National Public Works Week.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, inclusive, as National Public Works Week in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities, and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the State of California.
- 2) These facilities, infrastructure, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, including engineers, managers, and employees, at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for California residents.
- 3) It is in the public interest of California communities to gain knowledge of, and maintain an ongoing interest in and understanding of, the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities.
- 4) Public works is often considered “the silent arm of public safety,” usually without fanfare. Public works professionals provide vital support to emergency response partners, helping to protect essential services and restoring those services following an emergency, and are often the first on scene and the last to leave the scenes of disasters no matter the peril.
- 5) The year 2025 marks the 65th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association. The American Public Works Association applauds the national recognition of the “Public Works First Responder” status and its use to support and promote public works first responders.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Wahab**

April 21, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to Vietnamese American Remembrance Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 63, as introduced, Wahab. Vietnamese American Remembrance Day.

This measure would designate April 30, 2025, as Vietnamese American Remembrance Day, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On April 30, 1975, a pivotal day in world history,  
2 North Vietnamese forces captured Saigon, the capital of the  
3 Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam), effectively ending the  
4 Vietnam War; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 300,000 soldiers from South  
6 Vietnam and 58,000 soldiers from the United States, including  
7 more than 5,822 Californians, sacrificed their lives or are missing  
8 in action in service to their country during the Vietnam War; and

9 WHEREAS, United States military veterans who served in the  
10 Vietnam War have endured hardships that have left an indelible  
11 mark on their lives, families, and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The bravery and dedication of South Vietnamese  
13 and United States military personnel, and all those involved in the  
14 effort to preserve freedom and democracy in Southeast Asia, should  
15 be honored and remembered with the utmost respect and gratitude;  
16 and



1 WHEREAS, After the fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese  
2 refugees fled their homeland to seek freedom in other countries,  
3 with approximately 800,000 resettling in the United States, where  
4 they have contributed significantly to the cultural, economic,  
5 academic, political, scientific, and artistic landscape of our nation;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The State of California has welcomed tens of  
8 thousands of Vietnamese refugees and their families, who have  
9 shown resilience, strength, and perseverance in overcoming  
10 adversity to become a vital part of our society; and

11 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community in the State  
12 of California plays a crucial role in fostering cross-cultural  
13 understanding and appreciation; and

14 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Californians have contributed  
15 significantly to a wide array of fields, including politics, academia,  
16 business, science, technology, health care, and the arts; and

17 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Californians' stories of migration,  
18 survival, and success are a testament to the values of freedom,  
19 hope, and the American dream; and

20 WHEREAS, The 50th anniversary of April 30, 1975, serves as  
21 an important moment for reflection on the sacrifices made by the  
22 previous generation of Vietnamese Americans in the United States,  
23 and recognition of that day ensures that the lessons of history will  
24 continue to guide future generations toward greater peace, freedom,  
25 and democracy; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates April 30, 2025,  
28 as Vietnamese American Remembrance Day, to commemorate  
29 the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That we honor the lives of those who served in the  
31 Vietnam War in the militaries of South Vietnam and the United  
32 States, and we express our gratitude for their sacrifices in the  
33 pursuit of liberty and justice; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That we celebrate the Vietnamese American  
35 community for their ongoing contributions to our state and nation,  
36 and we reaffirm our commitment to promoting understanding,  
37 respect, and appreciation for the shared history and bright future  
38 of all who call this land home; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That we encourage all Californians to join in the  
40 recognition of this cultural heritage celebration; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 63 (Wahab) – As Introduced April 21, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** Vietnamese American Remembrance Day.

**SUMMARY:** Designates April 30, 2025, as Vietnamese American Remembrance Day, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On April 30, 1975, a pivotal day in world history, North Vietnamese forces captured Saigon, the capital of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam), effectively ending the Vietnam War.
- 2) Approximately 300,000 soldiers from South Vietnam and 58,000 soldiers from the United States, including more than 5,822 Californians, sacrificed their lives, or are missing in action, in service to their country during the Vietnam War.
- 3) United States military veterans who served in the Vietnam War have endured hardships that have left an indelible mark on their lives, families, and communities.
- 4) The bravery and dedication of South Vietnamese and United States military personnel, and all those involved in the effort to preserve freedom and democracy in Southeast Asia, should be honored and remembered with the utmost respect and gratitude.
- 5) The Vietnamese American community in the State of California plays a crucial role in fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. Vietnamese Californians have contributed significantly to a wide array of fields, including politics, academia, business, science, technology, health care, and the arts.
- 6) The 50th anniversary of April 30, 1975, serves as an important moment for reflection on the sacrifices made by the previous generation of Vietnamese Americans in the United States, and recognition of that day ensures that the lessons of history will continue to guide future generations toward greater peace, freedom, and democracy.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 1, 2025

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 64**

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**Introduced by Senator Rubio**  
*(Coauthors: Senators Cortese, Grayson, Limón, Menjivar, Ochoa Bogh, and Wahab)*

April 22, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64—Relative to Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 64, as amended, Rubio. Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

This measure would recognize May 5, 2025, to May 9, 2025, inclusive, as Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Childhood and adolescence are critical periods for  
2 physical, emotional, and mental development; and

3 WHEREAS, Mental health significantly influences how children  
4 and adolescents think, feel, and act, shaping their overall well-being  
5 throughout life; and

6 WHEREAS, Mental health challenges among children and youth  
7 can profoundly impact their learning, behavior, and emotional  
8 regulation; and

9 WHEREAS, Students today are increasingly exposed to the  
10 widespread influence of social media, which can contribute to  
11 negative psychological effects; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease  
13 Control and Prevention, more than 42 percent of high school

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1 students report experiencing persistent feelings of sadness or  
2 hopelessness, marking a 50-percent increase over the past decade;  
3 and  
4 WHEREAS, Fostering student mental health requires a concerted  
5 effort to create safe, inclusive, and supportive learning  
6 environments that promote respect, kindness, and a reduction in  
7 mental health stigma; and  
8 WHEREAS, Early identification and treatment of mental and  
9 behavioral health challenges are essential for cultivating a healthy  
10 student body and school community; and  
11 WHEREAS, Schools play a pivotal role in delivering  
12 comprehensive mental and behavioral health services, fostering a  
13 sense of belonging, and strengthening support systems for students  
14 and families; and  
15 WHEREAS, Embedding mental health services within schools  
16 lowers barriers to access, improves student outcomes, and promotes  
17 equity for historically underserved populations, including homeless  
18 and foster youth; and  
19 WHEREAS, Supporting the mental health of teachers and school  
20 staff enhances student services and contributes to a more  
21 empathetic and understanding school environment; and  
22 WHEREAS, School-based mental health programs should  
23 address trauma, including the impacts of racial injustice, while  
24 promoting resilience, healing, and academic success for all  
25 students; and  
26 WHEREAS, Pupil personnel services credentialholders  
27 specializing in school counseling, school social work, or school  
28 psychology, as well as school nurses, specialize in preventive and  
29 intervention-based mental and behavioral health services within  
30 school settings; and  
31 WHEREAS, Licensed clinical social workers, licensed  
32 educational psychologists, professional clinical counselors, and  
33 licensed marriage and family therapists support school-based  
34 mental health professionals by offering therapeutic interventions  
35 both in schools and in the community; and  
36 WHEREAS, Prioritizing mental and behavioral health in schools  
37 and providing students with resources can help reduce stigma and  
38 cultivate a culture of support and compassion within schools and  
39 communities; and

1 WHEREAS, It is essential to designate a week *that is* dedicated  
2 to recognizing and addressing student mental health to support the  
3 well-being of California’s students; now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes May  
6 5, 2025, to May 9, 2025, inclusive, as Student Mental Health  
7 Awareness Week in California; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
9 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 64 (Rubio) – As Amended May 1, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 5, 2025, to May 9, 2025, inclusive, as Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Childhood and adolescence are critical periods for physical, emotional, and mental development. Mental health significantly influences how children and adolescents think, feel, and act, shaping their overall well-being throughout life.
- 2) Students today are increasingly exposed to the widespread influence of social media, which can contribute to negative psychological effects.
- 3) According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 42 percent of high school students report experiencing persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness, marking a 50-percent increase over the past decade.
- 4) Early identification and treatment of mental and behavioral health challenges are essential for cultivating a healthy student body and school community. Schools play a pivotal role in delivering comprehensive mental and behavioral health services, fostering a sense of belonging, and strengthening support systems for students and families.
- 5) Prioritizing mental and behavioral health in schools and providing students with resources can help reduce stigma and cultivate a culture of support and compassion within schools and communities.
- 6) It is essential to designate a week that is dedicated to recognizing and addressing student mental health to support the well-being of California's students.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)  
California Association of School Counselors (CASC)

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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April 29, 2025

The Honorable Susan Rubio  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for SCR 64 (Rubio) – Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California**

Dear Senator Rubio,

On behalf of the 38,000 members of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT), we are happy to support Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 64, which proposes to designate May 5, 2025, to May 9, 2025, as Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

Mental health issues among children and adolescents are a growing concern, with studies showing that one in five young people experience some form of mental health challenge such as anxiety, depression, and trauma. These issues can have a significant impact on a student's academic performance, social interactions, and overall well-being.

We believe that SCR 64 will increase awareness of student mental health at the school level, encouraging dialogue and action to support the development of effective strategies for promoting positive mental health among young people. We are also proud to see that the resolution recognizes the integration of both school-based professionals and licensed behavioral health professionals as part of a comprehensive system of support for addressing the mental health needs of our students.

SCR 64 has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of young people across California, and it is an important step towards creating a healthier, happier, and more resilient generation. Thank you for your leadership and attention to this important matter.

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April 24, 2025



The Honorable Senator Rubio  
1021 O Street, Suite 8710  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for SCR 64 (Rubio) – Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California**

Dear Senator Rubio,

On behalf of the California Association of School Counselors (CASC), I am writing in support of your bill, Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 ([SCR 64](#)), which proposes to designate the week of May 5-9, 2025 as Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California. CASC is proud to serve as the sponsor of SCR 64 and we thank you for your authorship.

As a concerned citizen and advocate for mental health, I believe that this resolution is an important step towards raising awareness about the critical issue of children and adolescent mental health.

Mental health issues among children and adolescents are a growing concern, with studies showing that one in five young people experience some form of mental health problem including mental health challenges such as anxiety, depression, and trauma. These issues can have a significant impact on a student's academic performance, social interactions, and overall well-being. A week set aside for student mental health awareness will create an opportunity to draw attention to this important issue and encourage schools and communities to take action.

CASC believes that SCR 64 will increase awareness of student mental health at the school level, encouraging dialogue and action to support the development of effective strategies for promoting positive mental health among young people. This resolution will also help to reduce the stigma associated with mental health challenges which can be a major barrier to seeking help and support.

As you are well aware, SCR 64 has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of young people across California, and it is an important step towards creating a healthier, happier, and more resilient generation.

Thank you again for your leadership and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Loretta Whitson, Executive Director  
California Association of School Counselors

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**Introduced by Senator Alvarado-Gil**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Choi, Hurtado, McNerney, Rubio, and**  
**Seyarto)**  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Castillo and Connolly)

April 24, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 65, as introduced, Alvarado-Gil. California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2025 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month in appreciation for the services provided to California by the 77 fairgrounds in the state.

Fiscal committee: no.

1       WHEREAS, The history of fairgrounds in California dates back  
2 to the mid-19th century, a time when communities were beginning  
3 to take shape in the rapidly developing state. These fairs quickly  
4 grew in popularity as they provided a platform for farmers, artisans,  
5 and inventors to display their innovations; and  
6       WHEREAS, The earliest recorded fair in California was held  
7 in 1854 in the City of San Francisco, where agricultural exhibitions  
8 were organized to showcase local produce and livestock; and  
9       WHEREAS, Over time, the tradition of holding fairs spread  
10 throughout the state, with each region developing its own unique  
11 flavor and focus. These early fairs laid the groundwork for what  
12 would become a beloved institution in California’s cultural  
13 heritage; and

1 WHEREAS, California’s 77 fairgrounds serve the entire state,  
2 from the County of San Diego to the County of Del Norte, and  
3 from the County of Monterey to the County of Mariposa; and  
4 WHEREAS, California counties enjoy the year-round economic,  
5 recreational, cultural, and social impacts of their local fairgrounds;  
6 and  
7 WHEREAS, Fairgrounds play a crucial role in economic  
8 development and business growth by serving as vibrant hubs for  
9 community engagement, commerce, and tourism, and are pivotal  
10 in nurturing economic vitality and fostering a thriving business  
11 ecosystem across the state; and  
12 WHEREAS, Fairgrounds host a wide array of events, from  
13 county fairs and agricultural expositions to concerts, trade shows,  
14 and festivals, attracting millions of visitors annually. This influx  
15 of visitors stimulates local economies by driving demand for  
16 hospitality services, including hotels, restaurants, and retail  
17 establishments; and  
18 WHEREAS, Fairgrounds provide businesses with unique  
19 opportunities to showcase products, launch new offerings, and  
20 engage directly with consumers, fostering brand visibility and  
21 market expansion. In addition, fairgrounds often partner with local  
22 educational institutions to promote agricultural education and  
23 innovation, contributing to workforce development in key sectors;  
24 and  
25 WHEREAS, Fairgrounds expend and generate hundreds of  
26 millions of new dollars for nonprofit organizations, youth  
27 organizations, cities and counties, small businesses, and the state’s  
28 General Fund; and  
29 WHEREAS, Fairgrounds serve as a communal hub where people  
30 from all walks of life come together to share experiences and create  
31 memories; and  
32 WHEREAS, Fairgrounds offer a space for community  
33 engagement and interaction, where the bonds of friendship and  
34 community are strengthened. From the thrilling rides and games  
35 to the educational exhibits and competitions, fairgrounds provide  
36 entertainment and learning opportunities for all ages; and  
37 WHEREAS, Fairgrounds are a place where tradition and  
38 modernity meet, offering a glimpse into both the history and the  
39 future of California’s diverse communities; and

1 WHEREAS, California’s fairgrounds provide safe public  
2 facilities specifically designed for animals, pets, and livestock  
3 during good times and bad; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the primary functions of fairgrounds is to  
5 celebrate and preserve California’s rich agricultural heritage and  
6 emphasize the significance of agriculture, helping to ensure that  
7 this vital industry continues to thrive; and

8 WHEREAS, Fairs offer a platform for programs foundational  
9 to the agricultural education of youth, such as Future Farmers of  
10 America (FFA) and the National 4-H Council, to educate the public  
11 and students by hosting displays of livestock, produce, and  
12 horticulture. These events offer insight into sustainable farming  
13 practices and the latest advancements in agricultural technology;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Competitions, such as those for best livestock or  
16 produce, encourage excellence and innovation in the agricultural  
17 sector; and

18 WHEREAS, During a state of emergency, a natural disaster, or  
19 the ongoing impacts of climate change, California fairgrounds are  
20 called into service as medical sites, staging areas for emergency  
21 equipment and emergency personnel, and evacuation sites to assist  
22 those displaced by a fire or flood; and

23 WHEREAS, The future of fairgrounds lies in their ability to  
24 adapt to changing social and economic landscapes while preserving  
25 the traditions that make them so beloved. As California continues  
26 to grow and evolve, so too must these iconic venues; and

27 WHEREAS, Investments in infrastructure and technology will  
28 be crucial to maintaining the relevance and appeal of fairgrounds;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, California’s 77 fairgrounds continue to serve as  
31 the recreational, social, and economic hubs of their respective  
32 communities; and

33 WHEREAS, By continuing to provide a space for community  
34 gathering, economic activity, and cultural celebration, fairgrounds  
35 will remain an integral part of California’s identity. They are not  
36 just a part of the state’s history but a vibrant and essential element  
37 of its future; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
39 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the  
40 month of May 2025 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month

1 in appreciation for the services provided to California by the 77  
2 fairgrounds in the state; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature extends its warmest regards and  
4 appreciation to the thousands of fair volunteers, directors, CEOs,  
5 and staff, business supporters, sponsors, and associations who keep  
6 the network of California fairgrounds strong, vibrant, relevant,  
7 and successful; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
9 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 65 (Alvarado-Gil) – As Introduced April 24, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the month of May 2025 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month in appreciation for the services provided to California by the 77 fairgrounds in the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The earliest recorded fair in California was held in 1854 in the City of San Francisco, where agricultural exhibitions were organized to showcase local produce and livestock.
- 2) Over time, the tradition of holding fairs spread throughout the state, with each region developing its own unique flavor and focus. These early fairs laid the groundwork for what would become a beloved institution in California's cultural heritage.
- 3) California's 77 fairgrounds serve the entire state, from the County of San Diego to the County of Del Norte, and from the County of Monterey to the County of Mariposa.
- 4) Fairgrounds play a crucial role in economic development and business growth by serving as vibrant hubs for community engagement, commerce, and tourism, and are pivotal in nurturing economic vitality and fostering a thriving business ecosystem across the state.
- 5) Fairgrounds expend and generate hundreds of millions of new dollars for nonprofit organizations, youth organizations, cities and counties, small businesses, and the state's General Fund.
- 6) During a state of emergency, a natural disaster, or the ongoing impacts of climate change, California fairgrounds are called into service as medical sites, staging areas for emergency equipment and emergency personnel, and evacuation sites to assist those displaced by a fire or flood.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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**Introduced by Senator Grayson  
(Coauthors: Senators Cortese, Laird, Seyarto, and Wahab)**

April 24, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67—Relative to Family Justice Center Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 67, as introduced, Grayson. Family Justice Center Day.  
This measure would proclaim May 19, 2025, as Family Justice Center Day in California.  
Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, An average of 10,000,000 cases of domestic abuse
- 2 are reported to occur in the United States each year, equating to
- 3 20 people per minute; and
- 4 WHEREAS, According to the State Department of Public
- 5 Health, one in five women and one in seven men have experienced
- 6 some form of violence from one of their intimate partners at least
- 7 once in their lifetime; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Partner violence accounts for about 20 percent of
- 9 all violent crime in California and one in six victims of homicide
- 10 are reportedly killed by their intimate partner; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Victimization and perpetration of sexual and
- 12 domestic violence often connects to unmitigated childhood trauma
- 13 and adult polyvictimization, numerous types of victimization over
- 14 a lifetime, and produces short-term and long-term physical and
- 15 mental health consequences; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Family justice centers (FJCs) in California provide
- 17 trauma-informed, coordinated, wraparound services that bring

1 together advocates, mental health professionals, legal supports,  
2 police officers, prosecutors, doctors, nurses, chaplains, and other  
3 professionals under one roof; and

4 WHEREAS, FJCs in California are represented by the California  
5 Family Justice Network (CFJN), a membership organization that  
6 provides training, statewide coordination of victim services,  
7 advocacy for survivor services and support, and sharing of best  
8 practices; and

9 WHEREAS, California is now leading the way toward  
10 multisector, collaborative approaches to serving domestic and  
11 sexual violence survivors and their children with 27 CFJN-affiliated  
12 FJCs operating throughout the state; and

13 WHEREAS, California’s FJCs serve more than 70,000 trauma  
14 survivors each year, with spikes in demand up more than 30 percent  
15 since the COVID-19 pandemic; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 20 percent of victims serviced by  
17 California’s FJCs are children; and

18 WHEREAS, The purpose of the CFJN is to advocate for the  
19 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking,  
20 elder abuse, dependent adult abuse, and child abuse in the State  
21 of California, and to actively work toward the prevention of those  
22 crimes, while supporting the implementation of the provisions and  
23 intent of Section 13750 of the Penal Code, which defines family  
24 justice centers. This provision seeks to ensure “that victims of  
25 abuse are able to access all needed services in one location in order  
26 to enhance victim safety, increase offender accountability, and  
27 improve access to services for victims”; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 19, 2025,  
30 as Family Justice Center Day in California and recognizes the  
31 lifesaving and hope-giving work of the CFJN and its 27 member  
32 centers as they work with rape crisis centers, domestic violence  
33 shelters, human trafficking agencies, prosecutor’s offices, law  
34 enforcement agencies, and other professionals and  
35 community-based organizations to ensure that adult and child  
36 survivors of trauma can access all of their services in one setting;  
37 and be it further



- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 67 (Grayson) – As Introduced April 24, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Family Justice Center Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims May 19, 2025, as Family Justice Center Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) According to the State Department of Public Health, one in five women and one in seven men have experienced some form of violence from one of their intimate partners at least once in their lifetime. Partner violence accounts for about 20 percent of all violent crime in California and one in six victims of homicide are reportedly killed by their intimate partner.
- 2) Family justice centers (FJCs) in California provide trauma-informed, coordinated, wraparound services that bring together advocates, mental health professionals, legal supports, police officers, prosecutors, doctors, nurses, chaplains, and other professionals under one roof.
- 3) FJCs in California are represented by the California Family Justice Network (CFJN), a membership organization that provides training, statewide coordination of victim services, advocacy for survivor services and support, and sharing of best practices.
- 4) California is now leading the way toward multisector, collaborative approaches to serving domestic and sexual violence survivors and their children with 27 CFJN-affiliated FJCs operating throughout the state.
- 5) The purpose of the CFJN is to advocate for the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse, dependent adult abuse, and child abuse in the State of California; and, to actively work toward the prevention of those crimes, while supporting the implementation of the provisions and intent of Section 13750 of the Penal Code, which defines family justice centers.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Blakespear  
(Coauthor: Senator Ochoa Bogh)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Jeff Gonzalez and Stefani)

April 28, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 68, as introduced, Blakespear. Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of May 5, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, Serious mental illnesses like bipolar disorder, major  
2 depressive disorder, and schizophrenia often require treatment  
3 with antipsychotic medications for effective management, and  
4 antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise; and  
5     WHEREAS, While prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential  
6 for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive  
7 dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal,  
8 and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or extremities;  
9 and  
10    WHEREAS, People at higher risk of TD include those over 55  
11 years of age, Black individuals, women, individuals with mood or  
12 substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous  
13 system injuries, and those with high cumulative antipsychotic  
14 exposure; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000  
2 adults in the United States living with TD remain undiagnosed.  
3 Even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical,  
4 social, and emotional well-being, which underscores the urgency  
5 of early screening, detection, and intervention; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Psychiatric Association recommends  
7 routine TD screening in its clinical guidelines for antipsychotic  
8 treatment, and individuals treated with antipsychotics or  
9 experiencing abnormal movements should consult their health care  
10 providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine  
11 appropriate treatment together; and

12 WHEREAS, Federal Food and Drug Administration-approved  
13 treatments for TD can provide options for symptom management  
14 and improve quality of life for many individuals living with TD;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Senate encourages TD screening education  
17 and awareness for health care providers, patients, and care partners  
18 to help ensure patients prescribed antipsychotics receive care and  
19 support that aligns with clinical best practices, including regular  
20 TD screenings; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Senate declares the week of May 5,  
23 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week (TDAW); and be  
24 it further

25 *Resolved*, That in recognition and support of TDAW, the Senate  
26 underscores the importance of early detection and intervention to  
27 improve outcomes for people living with mental health conditions  
28 and prescribed antipsychotics, and supports efforts to raise  
29 awareness about the causes and symptoms of TD and the  
30 importance of routine TD screenings; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
32 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 68 (Blakespear) – As Introduced April 28, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the week of May 5, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Serious mental illnesses like bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia often require treatment with antipsychotic medications for effective management, and antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise.
- 2) While prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or extremities.
- 3) People at higher risk of TD include those over 55 years of age, Black individuals, women, individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries, and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure.
- 4) Approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000 adults in the United States living with TD remain undiagnosed. Even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical, social, and emotional well-being, which underscores the urgency of early screening, detection, and intervention.
- 5) The American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in its clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment, and individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult their health care providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate treatment together.
- 6) Federal Food and Drug Administration-approved treatments for TD can provide options for symptom management and improve quality of life for many individuals living with TD.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Weber Pierson  
(Coauthor: Senator Cortese)**

April 28, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to Behavioral Health Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 69, as introduced, Weber Pierson. Behavioral Health Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize May 2025 as Behavioral Health Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Mental illness is a health condition that impacts  
2 our emotional, psychological, and social well-being and affects  
3 how individuals think, feel, and act, including how they handle  
4 stress, relate to others, and make choices; and

5 WHEREAS, Substance use disorder is the persistent use of drugs  
6 despite substantial harm and adverse consequences to self and  
7 others; and

8 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is the term that recognizes the  
9 combination of mental illness and substance use disorder that often  
10 impacts an individual simultaneously; and

11 WHEREAS, Mental illness is one of the leading causes of  
12 disability in the United States, affecting one out of every four  
13 families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those  
14 persons who care for and love the person afflicted; and

15 WHEREAS, Serious mental illness costs Americans  
16 approximately \$193,200,000,000 in lost earnings per year; and

1 WHEREAS, Fifty percent of all lifetime mental illness begins  
2 by 14 years of age, and 75 percent by 24 years of age; and  
3 WHEREAS, Nearly 20 percent of children and youth between  
4 3 and 17 years of age, inclusive, in the United States, develop a  
5 mental, emotional, developmental, or substance use disorder each  
6 year; and  
7 WHEREAS, In October 2021, the American Academy of  
8 Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent  
9 Psychiatry, and the Children’s Hospital Association came together  
10 to declare a national state of emergency in children’s mental health;  
11 and  
12 WHEREAS, Former United States Surgeon General Vivek  
13 Murthy issued an advisory in December of 2021 – a move reserved  
14 for the most urgent public health challenges—highlighting the  
15 COVID-19 pandemic’s devastating impact on the already dire  
16 state of children’s mental health; and  
17 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, 76 percent of  
18 LGBTQ+ high school students experienced persistent feelings of  
19 sadness and hopelessness; and  
20 WHEREAS, A report done by the Crisis Text Line of youth  
21 under 17 years of age that used the service showed that there was  
22 a 144-percent increase from 2010 with one in five adolescents 12  
23 to 17 years of age, inclusive, that experienced a major depressive  
24 episode; and  
25 WHEREAS, According to a federal Centers for Disease Control  
26 and Prevention report, suicide was the second leading cause of  
27 death in individuals 10 to 14 years of age, inclusive, and the third  
28 leading cause of death among individuals 15 to 24 years of age,  
29 inclusive, in 2021; and  
30 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth are four times  
31 more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual youth; and  
32 WHEREAS, Children under 18 years of age from racial and  
33 ethnic minority groups were greater than 4.5 times more likely to  
34 experience the grief of losing a loved one during the pandemic  
35 compared to their non-Hispanic White peers; and  
36 WHEREAS, In California, there are nearly 45,000 children in  
37 the foster care system, and many youth still exit care without the  
38 support and guidance they need to successfully transition; and  
39 WHEREAS, An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile  
40 justice system have at least one mental health condition, and at

1 least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually  
2 undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated,  
3 thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in a  
4 vulnerable condition; and

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 60 percent of youth in juvenile  
6 facilities met criteria for substance use disorder in the year before  
7 entering custody; and

8 WHEREAS, Fifty-seven million Americans have a mental  
9 disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults  
10 living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of  
11 youth 8 to 15 years of age, inclusive, with a mental illness, received  
12 mental health services in the last year; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)  
14 has reported that many people suffer from more than one mental  
15 disorder at a given time and that 45 percent of those with a mental  
16 disorder meet criteria for two or more disorders, including diabetes,  
17 cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, and cancer, and the severity  
18 of the mental disorder strongly relates to comorbidity; and

19 WHEREAS, NIMH also reported that young adults 18 to 25  
20 years of age, inclusive, had the highest prevalence of any mental  
21 illness and serious mental illness compared to older adults; and

22 WHEREAS, Adults and older adults living with mental illness  
23 or substance use disorders often experience additional barriers to  
24 care, including stigma, social isolation, underdiagnosis, and  
25 fragmented access to behavioral health services; and

26 WHEREAS, Behavioral health challenges among  
27 adults—particularly those experiencing homelessness,  
28 unemployment, or chronic illness—can lead to compounded health  
29 disparities and require comprehensive, integrated care; and

30 WHEREAS, According to the UCLA Center for Health Policy  
31 Research, less than one-third of older adults in need of mental  
32 health services receive appropriate care, contributing to increased  
33 rates of loneliness and social isolation; and

34 WHEREAS, According to the California Health Care  
35 Foundation, older adults are the least likely age group to report  
36 having mental health treatment; and

37 WHEREAS, The integration of behavioral health care, including  
38 mental health and substance use treatment, into primary care,  
39 housing, and aging services is critical to meeting the needs of



1 California’s diverse and growing adult and older adult populations;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Older adults are at increased risk for cooccurring  
4 behavioral health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and  
5 substance use disorders due to life transitions, grief, cognitive  
6 decline, and chronic medical conditions; and

7 WHEREAS, Older adults with untreated behavioral health and  
8 substance use disorders are more likely to experience  
9 hospitalizations, emergency room visits, and early entry into  
10 long-term care; and

11 WHEREAS, Although mental illness impacts all people, many  
12 of those in lower income communities receive less care and poorer  
13 quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care,  
14 thereby resulting in mental health disparities; and

15 WHEREAS, Some see negative perceptions about mental health  
16 care as a significant factor contributing to limited or nonexistent  
17 access to care, and some common concerns are stigma, culture,  
18 masculinity, exposure to violence, and lack of information and  
19 awareness, among many others; and

20 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities  
21 Project, being misdiagnosed and given severe mental health  
22 diagnoses can be stigmatizing and can affect a person’s self-esteem,  
23 which, in turn, can discourage a person from seeking help; and

24 WHEREAS, According to results from the 2021 National Survey  
25 on Drug Use and Health, 46,300,000 people 12 years of age or  
26 older had a substance use disorder in the past year, with the  
27 percentage of people being higher among American Indian or  
28 Alaska Native and multiracial people; and

29 WHEREAS, The burden of substance use disorder is particularly  
30 high among adults involved in the criminal justice system, veterans,  
31 individuals with cooccurring mental illness, and those experiencing  
32 housing instability; and

33 WHEREAS, There is a need to improve public awareness of  
34 mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of  
35 brain diseases, so that all those with mental illness may receive  
36 adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their  
37 becoming fully functioning members of society; and

38 WHEREAS, There is a need to reduce the stigma around mental  
39 illness and substance use disorder, so that all those with a mental

1 illness are encouraged to reach out to their community and seek  
2 treatment without fear of isolation and judgment; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need to encourage primary care  
4 physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care  
5 providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to  
6 encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders; and

7 WHEREAS, The Legislature wishes to enhance public  
8 awareness of mental illness; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes May  
11 2025 as Behavioral Health Awareness Month in California to  
12 enhance public awareness of behavioral health needs across the  
13 lifespan; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
15 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 69 (Weber Pierson) – As Introduced April 28, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Health Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2025 as Behavioral Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of behavioral health needs across the lifespan. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mental illness is a health condition that impacts our emotional, psychological, and social well-being, and affects how an individual thinks, feels, and acts, including how they handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Substance use disorder is the persistent use of drugs despite substantial harm and adverse consequences to self and others.
- 2) Behavioral health is the term that recognizes the combination of mental illness and substance use disorder that often impact an individual simultaneously.
- 3) Nearly 20 percent of children and youth between 3 and 17 years of age, inclusive, in the United States develop a mental, emotional, developmental, or substance use disorder each year.
- 4) In California, there are nearly 45,000 children in the foster care system, and many youth still exit care without the support and guidance they need to successfully transition out of the system.
- 5) An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile justice system have at least one mental health condition and at least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated, thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in a vulnerable condition.
- 6) An estimated 60 percent of youth in juvenile facilities met criteria for substance use disorder in the year before entering custody.
- 7) Adults and older adults living with mental illness or substance use disorders often experience additional barriers to care, including stigma, social isolation, under-diagnosis, and fragmented access to behavioral health services.
- 8) Behavioral health challenges among adults—particularly those experiencing homelessness, unemployment, or chronic illness—can lead to compounded health disparities and require comprehensive, integrated care.
- 9) The integration of behavioral health care, including mental health and substance use treatment, into primary care, housing, and aging services is critical to meeting the needs of California’s diverse and growing adult and older adult populations.

- 10) Older adults are at increased risk for co-occurring behavioral health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders due to life transitions, grief, cognitive decline, and chronic medical conditions.
- 11) There is a need to improve public awareness of mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of brain diseases so that all those with mental illness may receive adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their becoming fully functioning members of society.
- 12) There is a need to reduce the stigma around mental illness and substance use disorder, so that all those with a mental illness are encouraged to reach out to their community and seek treatment without fear of isolation and judgment.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 1, 2025

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 70**

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**Introduced by Senator Blakespear**  
*(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Connolly)*  
**(Coauthor: Senator McNerney)**

April 29, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to Compost Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 70, as amended, Blakespear. Compost Awareness Week.

This measure would declare that the week of May 4, 2025, to May 10, 2025, inclusive, is designated as Compost Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Composting is a way of returning organic resources  
2 to the soil to restore the health of the soil and enable its essential  
3 function in the carbon cycle, grow healthy food, conserve water  
4 during extreme drought, provide resiliency during flooding  
5 conditions, and reduce water consumption and nonpoint pollution,  
6 and is a proven method of decreasing dependence on chemical  
7 fertilizers, decreasing erosion, and remediating fire damaged lands;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Composting is an effective form of waste reduction,  
10 reuse, and recycling, ~~and since~~ *and, because* organic materials  
11 make up over 30 percent of the material ~~going to~~ *entering* landfills,  
12 composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities  
13 use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable  
14 communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, Organic residual materials, including yard  
2 trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures,  
3 rice hulls, almond hulls, and hay shavings, are being composted  
4 and converted into beneficial compost products; and

5 WHEREAS, Communities, state and local governments,  
6 highway departments, soil conservation service and extension  
7 offices, farmers, and public works agencies can have a significant  
8 impact on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion  
9 by using compost in public ~~spaces~~ *spaces*, such as ~~parks and~~ *parks*,  
10 road medians, gardens, and farms, and for public works projects;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure  
13 for cities and states that implement composting programs; and

14 WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is a public  
15 education initiative to showcase compost production and  
16 demonstrate compost use; and

17 WHEREAS, The Compost Research and Education Foundation,  
18 along with Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and other  
19 countries, have declared the first full week of May to be the annual  
20 International Compost Awareness Week; and

21 WHEREAS, The International Compost Awareness Week theme  
22 for 2025, “Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost!,” was  
23 chosen to highlight composting in all kinds of communities at any  
24 scale, from backyard home composters to community composters  
25 to large-scale facilities and all those who recognize the many  
26 benefits of using compost on our soils; and

27 WHEREAS, Composting is essential for developing a  
28 sustainable resource management plan and circular economy,  
29 empowering communities to manage waste, ~~create~~ *creating* jobs,  
30 and ~~support~~ *supporting* healthy soils with locally made compost;  
31 now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
33 *thereof concurring,* That the week of May 4, 2025, to May 10,  
34 2025, inclusive, is hereby designated as Compost Awareness Week;  
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
37 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 70 (Blakespear) – As Amended May 1, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** Compost Awareness Week.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the week of May 4, 2025, to May 10, 2025, inclusive, as Compost Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil to restore the health of the soil and enable its essential function in the carbon cycle, grow healthy food, conserve water during extreme drought, provide resiliency during flooding conditions, and reduce water consumption and nonpoint pollution. It is a proven method of decreasing dependence on chemical fertilizers, decreasing erosion, and remediating fire damaged lands.
- 2) Composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, and, because organic materials make up over 30 percent of the material entering landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable communities.
- 3) Organic residual materials, including yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, rice hulls, almond hulls, and hay shavings, are being composted and converted into beneficial compost products.
- 4) Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs.
- 5) International Compost Awareness Week is a public education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use. The International Compost Awareness Week theme for 2025, “Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost!,” was chosen to highlight composting in all kinds of communities at any scale, from backyard home composters to community composters to large-scale facilities and all those who recognize the many benefits of using compost on our soils.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Allen  
(Coauthors: Senators Arreguín and Stern)**

April 30, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71—Relative to National Hospital Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 71, as introduced, Allen. National Hospital Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, inclusive, as National Hospital Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is home to more than 450 hospitals in  
2 rural, suburban, and urban areas, that are a source of hope and  
3 healing for all in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year  
4 round; and

5 WHEREAS, California hospitals treat all who come through  
6 their doors and are havens that never close for those who need  
7 health care services; and

8 WHEREAS, California hospitals provide life-saving and  
9 life-changing care by saving the lives of extremely premature  
10 babies, extending the lives of cancer patients and others, and  
11 improving the lives of those experiencing traumatic illness and  
12 bodily harm; and

13 WHEREAS, Hospitals treat one in four Californians every year,  
14 including 15 million visits to emergency departments for critical  
15 health care services; and



1 WHEREAS, Hospitals deliver 400,000 babies every year in  
2 California, ensuring that birthing parents and babies are safe and  
3 cared for before, during, and after delivery; and  
4 WHEREAS, California has the fourth highest life expectancy  
5 in the nation, with hospitals playing a critical role in the state’s  
6 health care system; and  
7 WHEREAS, Hospitals are major economic drivers that are  
8 responsible for one million jobs and \$300,000,000,000 in economic  
9 output in California; and  
10 WHEREAS, Hospitals, which provide safe havens for people  
11 in need of emergency care during natural disasters, were at the  
12 forefront of the disaster response during the devastating fires this  
13 year in Los Angeles; and  
14 WHEREAS, Hospitals annually provide \$10,000,000,000 in  
15 support to vulnerable populations in their communities through  
16 disease detection and prevention, wellness programs, charity care,  
17 and partnerships with community nonprofit organizations; and  
18 WHEREAS, Hospitals are a key partner for clinics, doctors,  
19 Planned Parenthood, and others; now, therefore, be it  
20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
22 week of May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, inclusive, as National  
23 Hospital Week in California; and be it further  
24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
25 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 71 (Allen) – As Introduced April 30, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 34-0

**SUBJECT:** National Hospital Week.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the week of May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, inclusive, as National Hospital Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to more than 450 hospitals in rural, suburban, and urban areas that are a source of hope and healing for all in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round.
- 2) California hospitals treat all who come through their doors and are havens that never close for those who need health care services. They provide life-saving and life-changing care by saving the lives of extremely premature babies, extending the lives of cancer patients and others, and improving the lives of those experiencing traumatic illness and bodily harm.
- 3) Hospitals treat one in four Californians every year, including 15 million visits to emergency departments for critical health care services. California has the fourth highest life expectancy in the nation, with hospitals playing a critical role in the state's health care system.
- 4) Hospitals, which provide safe havens for people in need of emergency care during natural disasters, were at the forefront of the disaster response during the devastating fires this year in Los Angeles.
- 5) Hospitals annually provide \$10 billion in support to vulnerable populations in their communities through disease detection and prevention, wellness programs, charity care, and partnerships with community nonprofit organizations.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Wahab**

**(Coauthors: Senators Caballero, Cervantes, Durazo, Limón, Ochoa Bogh, Reyes, Richardson, Smallwood-Cuevas, and Weber Pierson)**

May 1, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to Childcare Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 72, as introduced, Wahab. Childcare Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim May 2025 as Childcare Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Childcare costs the United States economy \$122  
2 billion annually in lost earnings, employee productivity, depressed  
3 revenue, and decreased consumer spending, according to the  
4 Council for a Strong America; and

5 WHEREAS, Child Care Aware of America found that the  
6 national average price of childcare for 2023 was between \$11,400  
7 and \$11,800 per year and that it would take 10 percent of the  
8 median income of a married couple, and 32 percent of the median  
9 income of a single parent, to afford this national average price;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Child Care Aware of America also found that in  
12 California the cost of childcare for an infant in 2023 was \$16,432  
13 for a home-based childcare provider and \$19,547 for a center-based  
14 childcare provider and that it would take 15 percent of the median

1 income for a married couple, and 46.7 percent of the median  
2 income of a single parent, to afford this state average price; and  
3 WHEREAS, California is one of the top five states with the  
4 most expensive childcare costs in the nation the most expensive  
5 nannies, the most expensive babysitters, and the most expensive  
6 daycare for infants, according to the 2023 Cost of Care Report;  
7 and  
8 WHEREAS, The Center for the Study of Child Care  
9 Employment found that, in California, inadequate wages are the  
10 leading cause for early childhood educators to change jobs or exit  
11 the early care and education workforce; and  
12 WHEREAS, When we invest in childcare, employers retain  
13 employees, employers see higher productivity, more families  
14 become economically stable, more families become housing secure,  
15 consumer spending increases, cities become more attractive to  
16 young families, and our collective economies grow; and  
17 WHEREAS, Continued investment in universally accessible,  
18 full-day childcare would transform our entire economy and our  
19 collective quality of life, whether or not we have children of our  
20 own; now, therefore, be it  
21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims May  
23 2025 as Childcare Awareness Month; and be it further  
24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
25 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 72 (Wahab) – As Introduced May 1, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 34-0

**SUBJECT:** Childcare Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims May 2025 as Childcare Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Childcare costs the United States economy \$122 billion annually in lost earnings, employee productivity, depressed revenue, and decreased consumer spending.
- 2) Child Care Aware of America found that in California the cost of childcare for an infant in 2023 was \$16,432 for a home-based childcare provider and \$19,547 for a center-based childcare provider; and, that it would take 15 percent of the median income for a married couple, and 46.7 percent of the median income of a single parent, to afford this state average price.
- 3) California is one of the top five states with the most expensive childcare costs in the nation the most expensive nannies, the most expensive babysitters, and the most expensive daycare for infants, according to the 2023 Cost of Care Report.
- 4) The Center for the Study of Child Care Employment found that, in California, inadequate wages are the leading cause for early childhood educators to change jobs or exit the early care and education workforce.
- 5) When we invest in childcare, employers retain employees, employers see higher productivity, more families become economically stable, more families become housing secure, consumer spending increases, cities become more attractive to young families, and our collective economies grow.
- 6) Continued investment in universally accessible, full-day childcare would transform our entire economy and our collective quality of life, whether or not we have children of our own.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senators Valladares and Pérez  
(Coauthor: Senator Menjivar)**

May 12, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to food allergy awareness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 76, as introduced, Valladares. Food allergy awareness.

This measure would declare May as Food Allergy Awareness Month and would encourage all Californians to increase their understanding of food allergies, support preventative practices, and learn how to respond in the event of a severe allergic reaction.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, An estimated 33 million people in the United States
- 2 are living with food allergies, a serious and potentially
- 3 life-threatening medical condition; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Research shows that food allergies are increasingly
- 5 common among children, with an estimated 6 million youth under
- 6 18 years of age, approximately 2 students in every classroom, are
- 7 affected by one or more food allergies; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The nine most common food allergens, which are
- 9 shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and
- 10 sesame, are responsible for 90 percent of all allergic reactions in
- 11 the United States; and
- 12 WHEREAS, A food allergy is caused when the immune system
- 13 mistakenly identifies a harmless food protein, an allergen, as a
- 14 threat, leading to the release of antibodies that trigger reactions
- 15 ranging from mild symptoms to severe anaphylaxis; and

1 WHEREAS, Symptoms of a food allergy may include tingling  
2 of the mouth, swelling of the throat, difficulty breathing, hives,  
3 vomiting, a dangerous drop in blood pressure, unconsciousness,  
4 or death; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease  
6 Control and Prevention, at least two in five children, or 40 percent,  
7 have been treated in the emergency department for a food allergy  
8 reaction; and

9 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapid-onset allergic  
10 reaction that can impact multiple systems in the body within  
11 minutes of exposure and may be fatal without immediate  
12 intervention; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no cure for food allergies, the only  
14 treatment for anaphylaxis is epinephrine, and the only proven  
15 prevention is complete avoidance of the triggering allergen; and

16 WHEREAS, Education, public awareness, and continued  
17 investment in scientific research are critical to improving health  
18 outcomes and quality of life for individuals living with food  
19 allergies; and

20 WHEREAS, Zacky Muñoz, a student from California, has  
21 become a leading national voice in food allergy advocacy, using  
22 his platform to bring attention to the urgent need for stronger  
23 policies that protect children with life-threatening allergies; and

24 WHEREAS, Through his courage, vision, and relentless pursuit  
25 of change, Zacky is helping to shape legislation that prioritizes  
26 safety, expands access to life-saving treatment, and paves the way  
27 for a more secure future for individuals and families affected by  
28 food allergies; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians  
31 to increase their understanding of food allergies, support  
32 preventative practices, and learn how to respond in the event of a  
33 severe allergic reaction; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That May is Food Allergy Awareness Month; and be  
35 it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
37 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 76 (Valladares) – As Introduced May 12, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** Food allergy awareness.

**SUMMARY:** Declares May as Food Allergy Awareness Month and encourages all Californians to increase their understanding of food allergies, support preventative practices, and learn how to respond in the event of a severe allergic reaction. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) An estimated 33 million people in the United States are living with food allergies, a serious and potentially life-threatening medical condition.
- 2) Research shows that food allergies are increasingly common among children, with an estimated 6 million youth under 18 years of age, approximately 2 students in every classroom, affected by one or more food allergies.
- 3) The nine most common food allergens, which are shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame, are responsible for 90 percent of all allergic reactions in the United States.
- 4) According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least two in five children, or 40 percent, have been treated in the emergency department for a food allergy reaction.
- 5) Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapid-onset allergic reaction that can impact multiple systems in the body within minutes of exposure and may be fatal without immediate intervention.
- 6) There is no cure for food allergies, the only treatment for anaphylaxis is epinephrine, and the only proven prevention is complete avoidance of the triggering allergen. Education, public awareness, and continued investment in scientific research are critical to improving health outcomes and quality of life for individuals living with food allergies.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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June 18, 2025

Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Pacheco:

I respectfully request a waiver of Joint Rule 61(a) so that the Assembly Committee on Appropriations can meet and hear Assembly Bill 1533 (Wicks) after the fiscal committee deadline.

If you have questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact my Chief Consultant Jay Dickenson at (916) 319-2081. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

BUFFY WICKS  
Assemblymember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

**RN 25 18385 03**  
**06/20/25 11:13 AM**  
**SUBSTANTIVE**

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1533

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025—26 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1533**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wicks**

April 28, 2025



RN2518385

An act relating to the payment of claims against the ~~state~~. *state, and making an appropriation therefor.*

**Amendment 1**

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1533, as introduced, Wicks. Claims against the state: appropriation.

*Existing law, the Government Claims Act, requires the Department of General Services to designate the fund from which a claim is to be paid and requires the state agency concerned to pay the claim from that fund if, among other things, the Director of Finance certifies that a sufficient appropriation for the payment of the claim exists.*

*Existing law creates the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund and directs moneys appropriated from that account to be expended by the Department of Motor Vehicles in carrying out the provisions of the Vehicle Code and in enforcing any other laws relating to vehicles or the use of highways.*

*This bill would appropriate \$600 from the General Fund and \$72 from the Motor Vehicle Account for the payment of 2 specified purposes.*

*Under existing law, if sufficient appropriations are not available for the payment of certain claims, settlements, or judgments, the Attorney General is required to report the claims, settlements, and judgments to the chairperson of either the Senate Committee on Appropriations or the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, who is then required to*

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

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SUBSTANTIVE**

**AB 1533**

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cause introduction of legislation appropriating the funds necessary for payment.

~~This bill would express the intention of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation relating to the payment of claims against the state.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~<sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: ~~no~~-yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- + SECTION 1. (a) The sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) shall
- + be appropriated from the General Fund to the Franchise Tax
- + Board for purposes of reissuing a Golden State Stimulus check to
- + Christina Chang.
- + (b) Notwithstanding any law, the sum of seventy-two dollars
- + (\$72) shall be appropriated from the Motor Vehicle Account, as
- + established in Section 42271 of the Vehicle Code, to the
- + Department of Motor Vehicles for purposes of reissuing a Vehicle
- + License Fee rebate from August 21, 2001, to Flor Albert.
- + (c) Any funds appropriated in excess of the amounts actually
- + required for the payment of the purposes listed above shall revert
- + to the fund from which the appropriation was made on June 30 of
- + the fiscal year in which the final payment is made.

**Amendment 2**

1 SECTION 1. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
 2 ~~subsequent legislation relating to the payment of claims against~~  
 3 ~~the state.~~

**Amendment 3**

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