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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 9/2/2025  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Attached is a list of referral recommendations.

## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

09/03/2025

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

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 28, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

## House Resolution

**No. 63**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Alanis**

August 21, 2025

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House Resolution No. 63—Relative to National Massage Therapy Awareness Week.

- 1 WHEREAS, Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and  
2 is increasingly part of integrated health care; and  
3 WHEREAS, Consumers spend approximately \$18 billion  
4 annually on massage therapy, and more insurance companies are  
5 covering it; and  
6 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
7 is beginning to offer massage therapy benefits and recognize the  
8 proven efficacy of the field; and  
9 WHEREAS, Therapeutic massage can benefit people of all ages;  
10 and  
11 WHEREAS, A growing body of clinical research shows that  
12 massage therapy provides relief from a myriad of conditions  
13 ranging from chronic pain, the effects of cancer, and post-traumatic  
14 stress disorder (PTSD); and  
15 WHEREAS, California ~~regulates~~ *provides for the certification*  
16 *of the massage therapy profession, and massage therapists must*  
17 *meet the legal requirements to—practice, practice that are*  
18 *established by their city or county, which may include minimum*  
19 *hours of initial training to ensure patient safety; and*  
20 WHEREAS, Massage therapists consistently provide consumer  
21 and professional education information on massage and help

1 consumers and health professionals locate qualified massage  
2 therapists in their area; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
4 *Assembly proclaims the week of October 19, 2025, to October 25,*  
5 *2025, inclusive, as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week*  
6 *in California; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 63 (Alanis) – As Amended August 28, 2025

**SUBJECT:** National Massage Therapy Awareness Week.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the week of October 19, 2025, to October 25, 2025, inclusive, as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and is increasingly part of integrated health care. Consumers spend approximately \$18 billion annually on massage therapy, and more insurance companies are covering it.
- 2) The United States Department of Veterans Affairs is beginning to offer massage therapy benefits and recognize the proven efficacy of the field.
- 3) Therapeutic massage can benefit people of all ages. A growing body of clinical research shows that massage therapy provides relief from a myriad of conditions ranging from chronic pain, the effects of cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- 4) California provides for the certification of the massage therapy profession, and massage therapists must meet the legal requirements to practice that are established by their city or county, which may include minimum hours of initial training to ensure patient safety.
- 5) Massage therapists consistently provide consumer and professional education information on massage and help consumers and health professionals locate qualified massage therapists in their area.

**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. 67**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ávila Farías**

August 28, 2025

House Resolution No. 67—Relative to All California Day.

1 WHEREAS, California, Baja California, and Baja California  
2 Sur were once part of the same region with Alta California,  
3 beginning in 1769. California, Baja California, and Baja California  
4 Sur share a deep historical and cultural connection with enduring  
5 ties through trade, migration, and shared environmental and  
6 economic interests; and

7 WHEREAS, The interconnected history of California, Baja  
8 California, and Baja California Sur reflects a shared heritage that  
9 continues to influence bilateral initiatives in various areas, such  
10 as education, arts, and community development, thus strengthening  
11 the bonds between their peoples; and

12 WHEREAS, California joined the United States in 1850 as the  
13 31st state, becoming a symbol of opportunity, innovation, and  
14 cultural exchange due to its position at the crossroads of American,  
15 Mexican, and Indigenous traditions; and

16 WHEREAS, The relationship between California and Mexico  
17 continues to be significant, with shared history and culture and  
18 economic ties contributing to the state's identity as one of the most  
19 diverse regions in the world and with over 30 percent of  
20 California's population being of Mexican descent; and

21 WHEREAS, An annual All California Day would provide an  
22 opportunity for residents of the state to honor its multifaceted  
23 history, acknowledge the contributions of Indigenous peoples and

1 Mexican heritage, and promote unity among its diverse  
2 communities; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
4 Assembly designate November 9 as All California Day, a day  
5 dedicated to celebrating California's shared history with Baja  
6 California and Baja California Sur; and be it further

7 *Resolved*, That All California Day will encourage cultural  
8 celebrations and community events across the state to foster a  
9 greater appreciation of California's unique and interconnected  
10 history; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 67 (Ávila Farías) – As Introduced August 28, 2025

**SUBJECT:** All California Day.

**SUMMARY:** Designates November 9 as All California Day, a day dedicated to celebrating California's shared history with Baja California and Baja California Sur. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California, Baja California, and Baja California Sur were once part of the same region with Alta California, beginning in 1769. California, Baja California, and Baja California Sur share a deep historical and cultural connection with enduring ties through trade, migration, and shared environmental and economic interests.
- 2) The interconnected history of California, Baja California, and Baja California Sur reflects a shared heritage that continues to influence bilateral initiatives in various areas, such as education, arts, and community development, thus strengthening the bonds between their peoples.
- 3) California joined the United States in 1850 as the 31st state, becoming a symbol of opportunity, innovation, and cultural exchange due to its position at the crossroads of American, Mexican, and Indigenous traditions.
- 4) The relationship between California and Mexico continues to be significant, with shared history and culture and economic ties contributing to the state's identity as one of the most diverse regions in the world and with over 30 percent of California's population being of Mexican descent.
- 5) An annual All California Day would provide an opportunity for residents of the state to honor its multifaceted history, acknowledge the contributions of Indigenous peoples and Mexican heritage, and promote unity among its diverse communities.

**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. 68

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio**

August 28, 2025

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House Resolution No. 68—Relative to the 9/11 Remembrance Flag.

1 WHEREAS, September 11, 2001, will forever be one of the  
2 darkest days in the history of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 people, including citizens of over 90  
4 nations, died as a direct result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the  
5 World Trade Center in New York, New York; the Pentagon in  
6 Arlington County, Virginia; and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The first responders who served heroically at  
9 Ground Zero in the City of New York paid a heavy toll, with over  
10 400 fire, police, and rescue members making the ultimate sacrifice;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, All four commercial airline flights hijacked on  
13 9/11 were bound for California; and

14 WHEREAS, Over 50 Californians lost their lives on 9/11; and

15 WHEREAS, The 9/11 Remembrance Flag was designed by a  
16 Virginian on September 20, 2001, to foster the establishment of a  
17 national symbol of remembrance that honors and remembers the  
18 victims, heroic first responders, and all who were affected by the  
19 events of September 11, 2001; and

20 WHEREAS, Symbols of the 9/11 Remembrance Flag are  
21 represented as follows:

22 An Old Glory Blue Background symbolizing all Americans  
23 united together for freedom;

24 One White Star symbolizing all who live and died for freedom;

1 Five White Bars symbolizing the Pentagon and the organized  
2 protection of our freedom;

3 One Top Old Glory Red Stripe symbolizing the bloodshed of  
4 the people who perished at the Pentagon and the crew and  
5 passengers killed on American Airlines Flight 77;

6 Two Broad Old Glory Red Stripes symbolizing the Twin Towers  
7 and the bloodshed of the people who perished at the World Trade  
8 Center and on American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines  
9 Flight 175;

10 One Bottom Old Glory Red Stripe symbolizing the bloodshed  
11 of the crew and passengers who perished on United Airlines Flight  
12 93 in Pennsylvania;

13 Three White Stripes symbolizing the rescue workers, firefighters,  
14 police officers, Port Authority employees, and others who worked  
15 tirelessly during and after the terrorist attacks; and

16 WHEREAS, On November 12, 2001, the 9/11 Remembrance  
17 Flag was officially adopted by the Virginia Historical Society as  
18 part of a special exhibition in conjunction with the Smithsonian  
19 Institution to commemorate the events of 9/11; and

20 WHEREAS, The design of the 9/11 Remembrance Flag adheres  
21 to the five principles of “Good Flag Design” defined by the North  
22 American Vexillological Association; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2018, the Virginia General Assembly voted  
24 unanimously to add the 9/11 Remembrance Flag to the Code of  
25 Virginia as Virginia’s official flag of remembrance of the events  
26 of September 11, 2001 making it our nation’s first codified 9/11  
27 remembrance flag; and

28 WHEREAS, The 9/11 Remembrance Flag has also been adopted  
29 by the legislatures of Oklahoma and Delaware, and has flown or  
30 been displayed on 9/11 and for Patriot Day lessons in all 50 states,  
31 including at numerous schools and civic institutions in California,  
32 and in thousands of locations across the United States; and

33 WHEREAS, Since the 21st anniversary of 9/11, the 9/11  
34 Remembrance Flag has served a prominent role in the Azusa  
35 Rotary Club’s annual 9/11 Field of Glory U.S. Flag Display Event;  
36 and

37 WHEREAS, Over 7,000 members of the Armed Forces of the  
38 United States, including many Californians, have made the ultimate  
39 sacrifice in the Global War on Terrorism since September 11,  
40 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, The aftermath of 9/11 cleanup activities continues  
2 to take a toll on first responders, including over 3,000 first  
3 responders who have perished due to 9/11-related illness since the  
4 attacks; and

5 WHEREAS, The symbols of 9/11 serve as a meaningful  
6 educational tool and a unifying emblem of patriotism and  
7 remembrance; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 100,000,000 Americans, including  
9 approximately 10,000,000 Californians, have been born since  
10 September 11, 2001, or were too young to remember the events  
11 that occurred on that day; and

12 WHEREAS, The 9/11 Remembrance Flag memorializes the  
13 courageous and ongoing response of all Americans to threats  
14 against our freedom; and

15 WHEREAS, The 9/11 Remembrance Flag is a symbol of our  
16 state's concern and commitment to remembering all of the lives  
17 lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
20 chief administrator of each public building or facility owned by  
21 the state, a county, or a municipality is encouraged to display the  
22 9/11 Remembrance Flag on September 11 of each year and to  
23 prescribe procedures necessary for its display; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That any public official or chief administrator of a  
25 public building or facility may accept a donation of one or more  
26 9/11 Remembrance Flags for the purpose of display at a public  
27 building or facility owned by the state, a county, or a municipality;  
28 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 68 (Blanca Rubio) – As Introduced August 28, 2025

**SUBJECT:** The 9/11 Remembrance Flag.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the 9/11 Remembrance Flag as a symbol of our state’s concern and commitment to remembering all of the lives lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and, encourages each public building or facility owned by the state, a county, or a municipality to display the 9/11 Remembrance Flag on September 11 of each year. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) September 11, 2001, will forever be one of the darkest days in the history of the United States. Nearly 3,000 people, including citizens of over 90 nations, died as a direct result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York, New York; the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia; and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.
- 2) All four commercial airline flights hijacked on 9/11 were bound for California. Over 50 Californians lost their lives on 9/11.
- 3) The 9/11 Remembrance Flag was designed by a Virginian on September 20, 2001, to foster the establishment of a national symbol of remembrance that honors and remembers the victims, heroic first responders, and all who were affected by the events of September 11, 2001.
- 4) On November 12, 2001, the 9/11 Remembrance Flag was officially adopted by the Virginia Historical Society as part of a special exhibition in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution to commemorate the events of 9/11.
- 5) The design of the 9/11 Remembrance Flag adheres to the five principles of “Good Flag Design” defined by the North American Vexillological Association.
- 6) The 9/11 Remembrance Flag has also been adopted by the legislatures of Oklahoma and Delaware, and has flown or been displayed on 9/11 and for Patriot Day lessons in all 50 states, including at numerous schools and civic institutions in California, and in thousands of locations across the United States.
- 7) The symbols of 9/11 serve as a meaningful educational tool and a unifying emblem of patriotism and remembrance. The 9/11 Remembrance Flag memorializes the courageous and ongoing response of all Americans to threats against our freedom.

**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. 69

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon**

August 29, 2025

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House Resolution No. 69—Relative to Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Each September, national Blood Cancer Awareness  
2 Month emphasizes the symptoms, causes, and ongoing innovations  
3 in the treatment of cancers of the blood and lymphatic systems;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This month is dedicated to raising awareness about  
6 the various forms of blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma,  
7 multiple myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndromes, with the aim  
8 of educating the public on their causes, symptoms, treatments, and  
9 research advancements; and

10 WHEREAS, Blood cancers primarily affect white blood cells  
11 and may, in certain cases, also target red blood cells or platelets.  
12 In the absence of definitive screening methods, it is crucial to  
13 recognize symptoms and risk factors to seek timely medical  
14 intervention; and

15 WHEREAS, Common symptoms of blood cancers include  
16 swelling of the lymph nodes, persistent fatigue, night sweats, fever,  
17 shortness of breath, and unexpected weight loss; and

18 WHEREAS, Risk factors encompass family history, genetic  
19 disorders, lifestyle choices, such as smoking, and exposure to  
20 radiation or chemotherapy; and

21 WHEREAS, The State of California witnesses approximately  
22 18,460 new cases of blood cancers each year. Although the survival  
23 rates for diseases such as leukemia have significantly improved

1 since the 1960s, these rates vary depending on the specific type  
2 of cancer and are influenced by ongoing scientific advancements;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Every nine minutes, an individual in the United  
5 States succumbs to blood cancer, representing nearly 10 percent  
6 of all cancer-related deaths in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2025, it is estimated that an alarming 6,000  
8 Californians will be diagnosed with leukemia; and

9 WHEREAS, Leukemia accounts for approximately one-third  
10 of all childhood cancer cases, making it the most prevalent cancer  
11 among children; and

12 WHEREAS, Leaders in medicine and bioscience have tirelessly  
13 sought solutions, developing next-generation treatments to  
14 dramatically improve the lives of patients affected by blood cancer;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, By fostering collaborations and partnerships across  
17 the scientific, medical, patient, and caregiver support sectors, these  
18 leaders underscore a unified commitment to finding cures and  
19 transforming lives; and

20 WHEREAS, Efforts within our communities to promote dialogue  
21 and education about blood cancers significantly contribute to the  
22 overall well-being of all Californians; and

23 WHEREAS, It is essential to intensify awareness and action on  
24 this critical health issue at the local, state, and national levels; now,  
25 therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
27 Assembly hereby designates September 2025 as Blood Cancer  
28 Awareness Month in the State of California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 69 (Calderon) – As Introduced August 29, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates September 2025 as Blood Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Blood cancers primarily affect white blood cells and may, in certain cases, also target red blood cells or platelets. In the absence of definitive screening methods, it is crucial to recognize symptoms and risk factors to seek timely medical intervention.
- 2) Common symptoms of blood cancers include swelling of the lymph nodes, persistent fatigue, night sweats, fever, shortness of breath, and unexpected weight loss. Risk factors encompass family history, genetic disorders, lifestyle choices, and exposure to radiation or chemotherapy.
- 3) The State of California witnesses approximately 18,460 new cases of blood cancers each year. Although the survival rates for diseases such as leukemia have significantly improved since the 1960s, these rates vary depending on the specific type of cancer and are influenced by ongoing scientific advancements.
- 4) Each September, national Blood Cancer Awareness Month emphasizes the symptoms, causes, and ongoing innovations in the treatment of cancers of the blood and lymphatic systems. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the various forms of blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndromes, with the aim of educating the public on their causes, symptoms, treatments, and research advancements.
- 5) It is essential to intensify awareness and action on this critical health issue at the local, state, and national levels.

**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. 70**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula**

August 29, 2025

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House Resolution No. 70—Relative to Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

1 WHEREAS, September 7, 2025, to September 13, 2025,  
2 inclusive, is recognized nationwide as Direct Support Professional  
3 Recognition Week; and  
4 WHEREAS, The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities  
5 Services Act (Lanterman Act) promises Californians with  
6 intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) the services and  
7 supports they need to pursue the lives of their own choosing; and  
8 WHEREAS, California is the only state that has established this  
9 entitlement for services and supports for residents with IDD; and  
10 WHEREAS, The regional center system will serve more than  
11 450,000 Californians with IDD and their families in the coming  
12 year; and  
13 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals provide services and  
14 supports to Californians with IDD and their families, becoming  
15 integral in their day-to-day lives; and  
16 WHEREAS, Every Californian with IDD deserves to participate  
17 as a valued member of their community; and  
18 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals provide essential  
19 support that empowers Californians with IDD to live safely in their  
20 homes and thrive in their communities; and  
21 WHEREAS, The diverse direct support workforce, with women  
22 and people of color at the forefront, ensure culturally responsive

1 services for Californians with IDD and their families across the  
 2 state; and  
 3 WHEREAS, Through their important work, direct support  
 4 professionals promote independence and create opportunities that  
 5 make inclusion a reality; now, therefore, be it  
 6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
 7 Assembly hereby declares the week of September 7, 2025, to  
 8 September 13, 2025, inclusive, to be Direct Support Professional  
 9 Recognition Week; and be it further  
 10 *Resolved*, That the Assembly, having recognized the rights of  
 11 Californians with IDD through the Lanterman Act, finds that direct  
 12 support professionals deliver on the state’s responsibility; and be  
 13 it further  
 14 *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes direct support  
 15 professionals across the state for their commitment, diligence, and  
 16 professionalism; and be it further  
 17 *Resolved*, That the Assembly honors direct support professionals  
 18 for building a more inclusive and accessible California; and be it  
 19 further  
 20 *Resolved*, That the Assembly is committed to uplifting the direct  
 21 support workforce and their valuable contributions to our state;  
 22 and be it further  
 23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
 24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 70 (Arambula) – As Introduced August 29, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the week of September 7, 2025, to September 13, 2025, inclusive, to be Direct Support Professional Recognition Week; and, honors direct support professionals for building a more inclusive and accessible California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act) promises Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) the services and supports they need to pursue the lives of their own choosing.
- 2) California is the only state that has established this entitlement for services and supports for residents with IDD. The regional center system will serve more than 450,000 Californians with IDD and their families in the coming year.
- 3) Direct support professionals provide services and supports to Californians with IDD and their families, becoming integral in their day-to-day lives. Direct support professionals provide essential support that empowers Californians with IDD to live safely in their homes and thrive in their communities.
- 4) Through their important work, direct support professionals promote independence and create opportunities that make inclusion a reality.
- 5) September 7, 2025, to September 13, 2025, inclusive, is recognized nationwide as Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

**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. 71

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Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

August 29, 2025

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House Resolution No. 71—Relative to National Fried Rice Day.

1 WHEREAS, Fried rice is a beloved dish with deep cultural roots  
2 across Asia and has become a staple enjoyed by families and  
3 communities throughout California; and

4 WHEREAS, California is the second-largest rice-producing  
5 state in the United States, with most rice grown in the Sacramento  
6 Valley, making rice not only a cultural food but also an essential  
7 part of the state’s agricultural economy; and

8 WHEREAS, Fried rice reflects California’s diversity, with  
9 countless variations celebrated in homes, restaurants, and cultural  
10 festivals across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, National Fried Rice Day, observed annually on  
12 September 20, provides an opportunity to celebrate California’s  
13 vibrant culinary traditions and honor the contributions of Asian  
14 American communities to the state’s culture and economy; and

15 WHEREAS, Recognizing National Fried Rice Day highlights  
16 how food brings people together, strengthens community bonds,  
17 and reflects California’s values of diversity and inclusion; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
20 Assembly recognizes September 20, 2025, as National Fried Rice  
21 Day and encourages Californians to join in celebrating the dish’s  
22 cultural and culinary significance; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 71 (Nguyen) – As Introduced August 29, 2025

**SUBJECT:** National Fried Rice Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes September 20, 2025, as National Fried Rice Day; and, encourages Californians to join in celebrating the dish’s cultural and culinary significance. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Fried rice is a beloved dish with deep cultural roots across Asia and has become a staple enjoyed by families and communities throughout California.
- 2) California is the second-largest rice-producing state in the United States, with most rice grown in the Sacramento Valley, making rice not only a cultural food, but also an essential part of the state’s agricultural economy.
- 3) Fried rice reflects California’s diversity, with countless variations celebrated in homes, restaurants, and cultural festivals across the state.
- 4) National Fried Rice Day, observed annually on September 20, provides an opportunity to celebrate California’s vibrant culinary traditions and honor the contributions of Asian American communities to the state’s culture and economy.
- 5) Recognizing National Fried Rice Day highlights how food brings people together, strengthens community bonds, and reflects California’s values of diversity and inclusion.

**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. 72**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Carrillo**

September 2, 2025

House Resolution No. 72—Relative to COPD Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)  
2 is a progressive lung disease caused by damage to the airways or  
3 parts of the lungs that blocks airflow and makes it hard to breathe;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 30,000,000 Americans are affected  
6 by COPD but only 17,000,000 are diagnosed; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2021, the prevalence of COPD in insured  
8 individuals in California was 5.6 percent; and

9 WHEREAS, The death rate for COPD has doubled since 1969,  
10 even as the number of deaths for other chronic conditions has  
11 declined; and

12 WHEREAS, COPD is the fourth main cause of disability and  
13 the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2019, the total mean medical treatment costs  
15 attributable to COPD for Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance  
16 in California was \$2,000,450,000; and

17 WHEREAS, The projected cost attributable to COPD in 2029  
18 is \$60,500,000,000, which is nearly twice the 2019 estimated cost  
19 of \$31,300,000,000; and

20 WHEREAS, While the primary risk factor for COPD is smoking,  
21 approximately 25 percent of people with COPD have never  
22 smoked; and

23 WHEREAS, Other risk factors for COPD include long-term  
24 exposure to lung irritants or air pollutants, a history of asthma or



1 childhood respiratory infections, an alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency,  
2 and having underdeveloped lungs; and

3 WHEREAS, People living in poverty and rural communities  
4 are at a higher risk for COPD; and

5 WHEREAS, While COPD is an incurable and debilitating  
6 disease, it is both preventable and treatable; and

7 WHEREAS, State and local health departments play pivotal  
8 roles in chronic disease prevention, tobacco use prevention, general  
9 health promotion and education, and the promotion of other  
10 relevant health initiatives, all of which can help inform the public  
11 about COPD; and

12 WHEREAS, COPD Awareness Month is an appropriate time  
13 to recognize commitment to public policy improvements, as well  
14 as the accomplishments of community organizations, state  
15 agencies, and, most importantly, the achievements of individuals  
16 with COPD who contribute daily to our communities; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
19 Assembly hereby recognizes November 2025 as COPD Awareness  
20 Month in California and commends the many community  
21 organizations and agencies whose programs and awareness efforts  
22 have assisted in improving the quality of life for people living with  
23 COPD; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 72 (Carrillo) – As Introduced September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** COPD Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes November 2025 as COPD Awareness Month in California; and, commends the many community organizations and agencies whose programs and awareness efforts have assisted in improving the quality of life for people living with COPD. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a progressive lung disease caused by damage to the airways or parts of the lungs that blocks airflow and makes it hard to breathe.
- 2) An estimated 30 million Americans are affected by COPD, but only 17 million are diagnosed. COPD is the fourth main cause of disability and the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.
- 3) While the primary risk factor for COPD is smoking, approximately 25 percent of people with COPD have never smoked. Other risk factors for COPD include long-term exposure to lung irritants or air pollutants, a history of asthma or childhood respiratory infections, an alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, and having underdeveloped lungs.
- 4) While COPD is an incurable and debilitating disease, it is both preventable and treatable.
- 5) State and local health departments play pivotal roles in chronic disease prevention, tobacco use prevention, general health promotion and education, and the promotion of other relevant health initiatives, all of which can help inform the public about COPD.
- 6) COPD Awareness Month is an appropriate time to recognize commitment to public policy improvements, as well as the accomplishments of community organizations, state agencies, and, most importantly, the achievements of individuals with COPD who contribute daily to our communities.

**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. 74**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jeff Gonzalez**

September 2, 2025

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House Resolution No. 74—Relative to Children’s Emotional Wellness Month.

1 WHEREAS, The emotional well-being of children is  
2 foundational to their ability to learn, grow, form healthy  
3 relationships, and thrive as resilient, empowered adults; and  
4 WHEREAS, Thousands of children throughout California  
5 experience emotional challenges due to trauma, mental health  
6 struggles, family instability, bullying, academic pressures, and  
7 social isolation; and  
8 WHEREAS, Early emotional support, education, and healing  
9 interventions can prevent long-term suffering, reduce risk of mental  
10 illness, and foster healthier, more connected communities; and  
11 WHEREAS, Families, educators, caregivers, health  
12 professionals, and community leaders play a vital role in supporting  
13 children’s emotional wellness through compassion, communication,  
14 presence, and informed care; and  
15 WHEREAS, We must build community and foster collaboration  
16 across sectors to strengthen emotional wellness efforts and promote  
17 awareness of valuable resources for families and individuals who  
18 can benefit from them; and  
19 WHEREAS, One of the most important tools for supporting a  
20 lifetime of financial independence and success is CalABLE,  
21 California’s savings program for people with disabilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Parents are encouraged to open CalABLE accounts  
2 for their children with disabilities to save for their future while  
3 protecting their eligibility for public benefits; and

4 WHEREAS, The purple- and green-striped ribbon represents  
5 the awareness of children's emotional wellness and the charitable  
6 goodness of people and businesses who publicly support children's  
7 mental health and emotional wellness; and

8 WHEREAS, The Extraordinary Lives Foundation, through its  
9 unique approach to awareness, prevention, and early intervention,  
10 is effectively caring for the mental health needs of children and  
11 their families throughout California by providing an upstream  
12 approach to mental and emotional wellness; and

13 WHEREAS, A national month of awareness will encourage  
14 intentional reflection, education, and action to uplift the emotional  
15 needs of all children, with a focus on inclusivity, cultural  
16 sensitivity, and trauma-informed support; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
18 Assembly hereby proclaims the month of September as Children's  
19 Emotional Wellness Month in the State of California and  
20 encourages all individuals, communities, schools, organizations,  
21 and government agencies to observe this month through educational  
22 programming and workshops, community healing events,  
23 school-based emotional wellness initiatives, public campaigns  
24 promoting emotional literacy and resilience, and expanded access  
25 to healing modalities and emotional support; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the month of September stands as a reminder  
27 that every child deserves to feel safe, seen, and supported in their  
28 emotional journey, and may this proclamation spark lasting  
29 commitment, healing innovation, and collective care for our  
30 youngest citizens; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 74 (Jeff Gonzalez) – As Introduced September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Children’s Emotional Wellness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of September as Children’s Emotional Wellness Month in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The emotional well-being of children is foundational to their ability to learn, grow, form healthy relationships, and thrive as resilient, empowered adults.
- 2) Thousands of children throughout California experience emotional challenges due to trauma, mental health struggles, family instability, bullying, academic pressures, and social isolation.
- 3) Early emotional support, education, and healing interventions can prevent long-term suffering, reduce risk of mental illness, and foster healthier, more connected communities.
- 4) Families, educators, caregivers, health professionals, and community leaders play a vital role in supporting children’s emotional wellness through compassion, communication, presence, and informed care.
- 5) We must build community and foster collaboration across sectors to strengthen emotional wellness efforts and promote awareness of valuable resources for families and individuals who can benefit from them.
- 6) One of the most important tools for supporting a lifetime of financial independence and success is CalABLE, California’s savings program for people with disabilities.
- 7) A national month of awareness will encourage intentional reflection, education, and action to uplift the emotional needs of all children, with a focus on inclusivity, cultural sensitivity, and trauma-informed support.

**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 JANUARY 30, 2025

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 11**

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**Introduced by Senator Cervantes**

January 9, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11—Relative to Epilepsy Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 11, as amended, Cervantes. Epilepsy Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim November 2025 as Epilepsy Awareness Month and call upon all ~~citizens, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community~~ *Californians to recommit their communities* to increasing awareness and understanding of those living with epilepsy.

Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a disease characterized by an enduring  
2 predisposition to generate epileptic seizures and by the  
3 neurobiological, cognitive, psychological, and social consequences  
4 of this condition; and  
5 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a condition of the brain causing  
6 seizures. A seizure is a disruption of the electrical communication  
7 between neurons. A person is said to have epilepsy if they  
8 experience two or more unprovoked seizures separated by at least  
9 24 hours or if the person experiences one seizure and is at a high  
10 risk of having more; and  
11 WHEREAS, About 1 in 10 people in the United States has had  
12 a single, unprovoked seizure or has been diagnosed with epilepsy,

1 3,400,000 people in the United States have epilepsy, and over  
2 65,000,000 people worldwide live with epilepsy; and

3 WHEREAS, There are 150,000 new cases of epilepsy in the  
4 United States each year. However, seizures may occur more  
5 frequently in certain age groups, including in the very young and  
6 older people, in people of certain races, and in certain areas of the  
7 world; and

8 WHEREAS, One in 26 people will develop epilepsy during  
9 their lifetime, and people with certain conditions may be at greater  
10 risk for developing epilepsy; and

11 WHEREAS, It is important that people understand what a  
12 seizure looks like and what to do if they see someone having a  
13 seizure. The more familiar people are with epilepsy, the less people  
14 living with the condition have to fear discrimination, worry about  
15 receiving improper first aid, or keep their epilepsy hidden; and

16 WHEREAS, Seizures impact people's lives in many ways,  
17 including creating barriers to employment and education and facing  
18 a sense of discrimination and isolation from their peers; and

19 WHEREAS, One-third of people living with epilepsy have  
20 seizures that cannot be controlled with current treatments and all  
21 people living with epilepsy have the risk of a potential  
22 "breakthrough" seizure; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
24 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims*  
25 *November 2025 as Epilepsy Awareness Month and calls upon all*  
26 *citizens, governmental agencies, public and private institutions,*  
27 *businesses, and schools to recommit our community Californians*  
28 *to recommit their communities to increasing awareness and*  
29 *understanding of those living with epilepsy; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 11 (Cervantes) – As Amended January 30, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Epilepsy Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims November 2025 as Epilepsy Awareness Month; and, calls upon all Californians to recommit their communities to increasing awareness and understanding of those living with epilepsy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Epilepsy is a disease characterized by an enduring predisposition to generate epileptic seizures and by the neurobiological, cognitive, psychological, and social consequences of this condition.
- 2) Epilepsy is a condition of the brain causing seizures. A seizure is a disruption of the electrical communication between neurons. A person is said to have epilepsy if they experience two or more unprovoked seizures separated by at least 24 hours or if the person experiences one seizure and is at a high risk of having more.
- 3) There are 150,000 new cases of epilepsy in the United States each year. However, seizures may occur more frequently in certain age groups, including in the very young and older people, in people of certain races, and in certain areas of the world.
- 4) One in 26 people will develop epilepsy during their lifetime, and people with certain conditions may be at greater risk for developing epilepsy.
- 5) It is important that people understand what a seizure looks like and what to do if they see someone having a seizure. The more familiar people are with epilepsy, the less people living with the condition have to fear discrimination, worry about receiving improper first aid, or keep their epilepsy hidden.

**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 Arreguín, Caballero, Gonzalez, Hurtado,**  
**Limón, Padilla, Rubio, Umberg, and Valladares)**

May 22, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to Latino Veterans Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 85, as introduced, Archuleta. Latino Veterans Day.  
This measure would proclaim September 20, 2025, as Latino Veterans Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The history of California veterans of Latino descent  
2 abounds with acts of heroism and exhibits a heritage of valor that  
3 has brought honor and earned the gratitude of our country; and  
4 WHEREAS, As early as 1863, the United States government  
5 authorized the military commander in California to raise four  
6 companies of native Mexican American Californians in order to  
7 take advantage of their extraordinary horsemanship; and  
8 WHEREAS, Several thousand Latino volunteers, mostly from  
9 the southwestern United States, fought with distinction in the  
10 United States Army during the Spanish-American War. Captain  
11 Maximiliano Luna and others who comprised a portion of the  
12 famous 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry with Colonel Theodore  
13 Roosevelt, better known as the “Rough Riders,” fought in Cuba;  
14 and  
15 WHEREAS, Discrimination, racism, and language barriers  
16 meant that many Latinos were relegated to menial jobs or served

1 in segregated units. A number of Mexican American cavalry  
2 militias chased bandits and guarded trains and border crossings  
3 for the Union during the Civil War; and

4 WHEREAS, Admiral David G. Farragut, a Latino of great  
5 renown and hero of the Civil War, distinguished himself as a  
6 military strategist whose concepts and accomplishments served as  
7 examples of military excellence. Admiral Farragut was responsible  
8 for, among other things, establishing the Mare Island Naval Yard  
9 at the City of Vallejo; and

10 WHEREAS, The bravery of countless Latinos in World Wars  
11 I and II and the conflicts of Korea and Vietnam is consistent with  
12 the greatest acts of heroism known in our history, as exemplified  
13 by the 200th and the 515th Coast Artillery Battalions, which were  
14 comprised of a majority of Latinos, many of whom were from  
15 California, who fought to the bitter end at Bataan in World War  
16 II; and

17 WHEREAS, During World War II, General Douglas MacArthur  
18 called the Arizona National Guard's 158th Infantry Regiment, "the  
19 Bushmasters," one of the greatest fighting combat teams ever  
20 deployed for battle. The regiment was comprised of many Latino  
21 soldiers; and

22 WHEREAS, During World War II, Marine Corps Private First  
23 Class Guy Louis Gabaldon of the City of Bellflower distinguished  
24 himself with conspicuous gallantry by capturing 800 enemy  
25 soldiers in seven hours; and

26 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Salvador J. Lara of the City of  
27 Riverside aggressively led his rifle squad in neutralizing multiple  
28 enemy strong points in Aprilia, Italy, on May 27 and 28, 1944.  
29 Staff Sergeant Lara sustained a severe leg wound during the attack  
30 but did not stop to receive first aid and continued to fight until he  
31 captured the objective. Staff Sergeant Lara was awarded the Medal  
32 of Honor for extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and  
33 beyond the call of duty; and

34 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Ysmael R. Villegas of the City of  
35 Riverside destroyed an enemy machine gun nest and saved his  
36 squad during the Battle of Luzon on March 1, 1945. On March  
37 20, 1945, Staff Sergeant Villegas led his squad towards the crest  
38 of a hill that was defended by an entrenched enemy. On his own  
39 initiative, he attacked five enemy foxholes before he was mortally  
40 wounded while attacking the sixth. Staff Sergeant Villegas was

1 posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions by  
2 President Harry Truman; and

3 WHEREAS, The 65th Infantry Regiment, “the Borinqueneers”  
4 from Puerto Rico, served valiantly in both World War II and Korea.  
5 Fighting as a segregated unit from 1950 to 1952, the regiment  
6 participated in some of the fiercest battles of the Korean War, and  
7 its toughness, courage, and loyalty earned the admiration of many  
8 who had preciously harbored reservations about Puerto Rican  
9 soldiers based on their lack of previous fighting experience and  
10 negative stereotypes, including Brigadier General William W.  
11 Harris, whose experience eventually led him to regard the regiment  
12 as “the best damn soldiers that I had ever seen”; and

13 WHEREAS, During their service in the Korean War, the 65th  
14 Infantry Regiment won four Distinguished Service Crosses and  
15 125 Silver Stars. The Borinqueneers also were awarded the  
16 American Presidential and Meritorious Unit Commendations, two  
17 Korean Presidential Unit Citations, and the Greek Gold Medal for  
18 Bravery. President Barack Obama signed House Resolution No.  
19 1726 to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Borinqueneers  
20 on June 10, 2014; and

21 WHEREAS, During the Korean War, Marine Corps Private  
22 First Class Eugene A. Obregon of the City of Los Angeles armed  
23 only with a pistol, unhesitatingly dashed from his covered position  
24 to the side of a wounded fellow Marine. Still under enemy fire,  
25 while he was bandaging the man’s wounds and hostile troops of  
26 approximately platoon strength began advancing toward his  
27 position, he placed his own body as a shield in front of the wounded  
28 soldier and lay there firing accurately and effectively into the  
29 hostile group until he was fatally wounded by enemy fire, earning  
30 him the Medal of Honor; and

31 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, First Sergeant Maximo  
32 Yabes of the City of Lodi distinguished himself when he used his  
33 body as a shield to protect others in a bunker, moved two wounded  
34 men to a safer position where they could be given medical  
35 treatment, and destroyed an enemy machine gun position before  
36 being mortally wounded. He was posthumously awarded the Medal  
37 of Honor; and

38 WHEREAS, Sergeant Jesus S. Duran distinguished himself on  
39 April 10, 1969, as a machine gunner on a search and clear operation  
40 in Vietnam and was awarded the Medal of Honor. After leaving

1 the military, Sergeant Duran worked as a corrections officer at a  
2 juvenile detention center in the City of San Bernardino dedicating  
3 numerous hours of personal time to mentor youth and lead them  
4 on educational trips; and

5 WHEREAS, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert  
6 Storm provided another opportunity for Latinos to serve their  
7 country. Approximately 20,000 Latino servicemen and women  
8 participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

9 WHEREAS, During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Marine Corps  
10 Lance Corporal Moses Cardenas from the City of Fullerton  
11 distinguished himself by leaving his safe position behind a vehicle  
12 and fought his way across 50 meters of fire-swept open desert  
13 against five armed insurgents to rescue a fallen Marine. After  
14 sustaining a gunshot wound to the neck that knocked him to the  
15 ground, he calmly reloaded his squad automatic weapon and  
16 continued his assault until he reached the wounded Marine.  
17 Throughout this close and fierce fight, he ignored his own severe  
18 wounds, remained fixed on his task, and saved the life of a fellow  
19 Marine, earning him the Silver Star; and

20 WHEREAS, Today, Latinos make up more than 17 percent of  
21 America's fighting force. Since the beginning of this century,  
22 Latinos have been among the boots on the ground in antiterrorism  
23 operations; and

24 WHEREAS, Latino veterans, both men and women, have shown  
25 and continue to show a superb dedication to the United States,  
26 evidenced by the award of over 60 Congressional Medals of Honor;  
27 now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That September 20, 2025, be proclaimed as  
30 Latino Veterans Day; 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: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 85 (Archuleta) – As Introduced May 22, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Latino Veterans Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims September 20, 2025, as Latino Veterans Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The history of California veterans of Latino descent abounds with acts of heroism and exhibits a heritage of valor that has brought honor and earned the gratitude of our country.
- 2) As early as 1863, the United States government authorized the military commander in California to raise four companies of native Mexican American Californians in order to take advantage of their extraordinary horsemanship.
- 3) Several thousand Latino volunteers, mostly from the southwestern United States, fought with distinction in the United States Army during the Spanish-American War. Captain Maximiliano Luna and others who comprised a portion of the famous 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry with Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, better known as the “Rough Riders,” fought in Cuba.
- 4) Discrimination, racism, and language barriers meant that many Latinos were relegated to menial jobs or served in segregated units. A number of Mexican American cavalry militias chased bandits and guarded trains and border crossings for the Union during the Civil War.
- 5) Today, Latinos make up more than 17 percent of America’s fighting force. Since the beginning of this century, Latinos have been among the boots on the ground in antiterrorism operations.
- 6) Latino veterans, both men and women, have shown and continue to show a superb dedication to the United States, evidenced by the award of over 60 Congressional Medals of Honor.

**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 Alvarado-Gil

June 9, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91—Relative to the founding of the State of California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 91, as introduced, Alvarado-Gil. Founding of the State of California.

This measure would commemorate the 175th anniversary of the founding of the State of California and honor the profound contributions of its people, industries, and institutions to the advancement of our state, nation, and world.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The year 2025 marks the 175th anniversary of the  
2 founding of the State of California, which is a momentous occasion  
3 to commemorate the enduring legacy, diverse heritage, and  
4 far-reaching contributions of the Golden State to the United States  
5 and the world; and

6 WHEREAS, California was admitted to the union as the 31st  
7 state on September 9, 1850, following the signing of the Treaty of  
8 Guadalupe Hidalgo and the discovery of gold at Sutter’s Mill in  
9 1848, which sparked the historic Gold Rush and fueled a rapid  
10 population boom; and

11 WHEREAS, Before statehood, California was home to a  
12 multitude of indigenous tribes whose cultures, governance systems,  
13 and stewardship of the land shaped the region for thousands of  
14 years and was later influenced by Spanish, Mexican, and American

1 settlers who contributed to the complex mosaic of California's  
2 early history; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the past 175 years, California has become  
4 the agricultural leader of the nation by producing more than  
5 one-third of the United States' vegetables and two-thirds of its  
6 fruits and nuts and exporting food and innovation to markets across  
7 the globe; and

8 WHEREAS, California is globally recognized as the center of  
9 the entertainment industry with Hollywood becoming synonymous  
10 with film, music, and cultural storytelling that transcends borders  
11 and generations; and

12 WHEREAS, California has stood at the forefront of  
13 technological progress, from the rise of Silicon Valley and the  
14 birth of the semiconductor industry to modern advancements in  
15 software, artificial intelligence, clean energy, aerospace, and  
16 biotechnology, and has driven innovation and shaped the global  
17 economy; and

18 WHEREAS, California's institutions of higher learning, robust  
19 economy, entrepreneurial spirit, and diverse population have  
20 contributed to a legacy of leadership in civil rights, environmental  
21 stewardship, public health, the arts, and education; and

22 WHEREAS, The people of California, representing a broad  
23 array of backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs, have continuously  
24 demonstrated resilience, vision, and a commitment to progress,  
25 facing challenges from natural disasters to economic transitions  
26 with unity and resolve; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby commemorates  
29 the 175th anniversary of the founding of the State of California  
30 and honors the profound contributions of its people, industries,  
31 and institutions to the advancement of our state, nation, and world;  
32 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 91 (Alvarado-Gil) – As Introduced June 9, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Founding of the State of California.

**SUMMARY:** Commemorates the 175th anniversary of the founding of the State of California; and, honors the profound contributions of its people, industries, and institutions to the advancement of our state, nation, and world. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California was admitted to the union as the 31st state on September 9, 1850, following the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the discovery of gold at Sutter’s Mill in 1848, which sparked the historic Gold Rush and fueled a rapid population boom.
- 2) Before statehood, California was home to a multitude of indigenous tribes whose cultures, governance systems, and stewardship of the land shaped the region for thousands of years, and was later influenced by Spanish, Mexican, and American settlers who contributed to the complex mosaic of California’s early history.
- 3) Over the past 175 years, California has become the agricultural leader of the nation by producing more than one-third of the United States’ vegetables and two-thirds of its fruits and nuts and exporting food and innovation to markets across the globe.
- 4) California is globally recognized as the center of the entertainment industry with Hollywood becoming synonymous with film, music, and cultural storytelling that transcends borders and generations.
- 5) The year 2025 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the State of California, which is a momentous occasion to commemorate the enduring legacy, diverse heritage, and far-reaching contributions of the Golden State to the United States and 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 Ochoa Bogh**

**(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, and Wahab)**

**(Coauthor: Assembly Member Lackey)**

June 9, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 93—Relative to First Responders’ Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 93, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. First Responders’ Day.

This measure would declare October 28, 2025, as First Responders’ Day and would urge all Californians to observe and promote the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the contributions of first responders in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Every day, police officers, firefighters, emergency
- 2 medical technicians, paramedics, 9-1-1 dispatchers, public works
- 3 professionals, and other emergency personnel work as our first
- 4 line of defense, protecting our communities and ensuring California
- 5 is the safest place to live, work, and visit; and
- 6 WHEREAS, California’s first responders react swiftly and
- 7 courageously to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk
- 8 to ensure the safety and well-being of others, whether responding

1 to natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, or public  
2 health and safety threats; and  
3 WHEREAS, First Responders’ Day recognizes the heroic men  
4 and women who make it their business to take immediate action  
5 when disaster strikes and play an integral role in making a positive  
6 difference in appalling circumstances; and  
7 WHEREAS, First responders accept the challenge and  
8 responsibility of helping others before helping themselves,  
9 providing excellent care and a superior level of service to their  
10 fellow citizens during emergencies; and  
11 WHEREAS, As a direct result of their extensive training, rapid  
12 emergency deployment, and coordinated efforts, first responders  
13 save lives every day; and  
14 WHEREAS, First responders deserve our gratitude and respect  
15 for their commitment to preserving the peace and securing the  
16 safety of California residents and visitors; now, therefore, be it  
17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares October 28, 2025,  
19 as First Responders’ Day and urges all Californians to observe and  
20 promote the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that  
21 promote awareness of the contributions of first responders in  
22 California; and be it further  
23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 93 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced June 9, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** First Responders' Day.

**SUMMARY:** Declares October 28, 2025, as First Responders' Day; and, urges all Californians to observe and promote the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the contributions of first responders in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Every day, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, 9-1-1 dispatchers, public works professionals, and other emergency personnel work as our first line of defense, protecting our communities and ensuring California is the safest place to live, work, and visit.
- 2) California's first responders react swiftly and courageously to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others, whether responding to natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, or public health and safety threats.
- 3) First Responders' Day recognizes the heroic men and women who make it their business to take immediate action when disaster strikes and play an integral role in making a positive difference in appalling circumstances.
- 4) First responders accept the challenge and responsibility of helping others before helping themselves, providing excellent care and a superior level of service to their fellow citizens during emergencies.
- 5) First responders deserve our gratitude and respect for their commitment to preserving the peace and securing the safety of California residents and visitors.

**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 Choi**

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Gallagher)

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(Coauthors: Assembly Members Mark González and Quirk-Silva)

June 13, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95—Relative to Soju Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 95, as introduced, Choi. Soju Day.

This measure would recognize and establish September 20, 2025, and every September 20 thereafter, as Soju Day in this state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Soju, a traditional Korean distilled beverage, holds
- 2 a significant cultural, historical, and social importance, not only
- 3 within the Korean community but increasingly across the United
- 4 States; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Soju has become an emblem of unity, celebration,
- 6 and tradition for Korean Americans, serving as a bridge of cultural
- 7 exchange and enhancing cross-cultural understanding in our diverse
- 8 society; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Korean immigrants have contributed immensely
- 10 to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of our state, and the
- 11 recognition of Soju Day will further highlight and celebrate their
- 12 contributions; and

1 WHEREAS, It is a unique characteristic of soju as a spirit that  
2 brings people together and symbolizes the sharing of joy; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 530,000 Korean Americans reside in  
4 California; and

5 WHEREAS, Korean Americans residing in California are part  
6 of the K-Food Movement by introducing Korean food, including  
7 bulgogi, kimchi, and soju, to their California friends; and

8 WHEREAS, California is the second largest rice producing state  
9 in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill  
11 2069 (Chapter 306 of the Statutes of 2024) into law in 2024, which  
12 allows California on-sale beer and wine licensees to also offer  
13 domestically produced soju and shochu to their customers, when  
14 previously those licensees were only authorized to offer imported  
15 Korean soju and Japanese shochu; and

16 WHEREAS, September 20 is chosen as Soju Day to recognize  
17 the day of California's new law; and

18 WHEREAS, The new law is likely to encourage domestic  
19 production of soju in California, and it is highly anticipated that  
20 new distilleries will contribute to the California economy by the  
21 consumption of California rice and other agricultural products in  
22 producing soju; and

23 WHEREAS, New soju distilleries will create more jobs in  
24 factories and through marketing, distribution, and sales channels;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, The establishment of Soju Day is intended to foster  
27 deeper appreciation for Korean heritage and culture, strengthen  
28 community bonds, and promote unity among people from diverse  
29 backgrounds; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes and  
32 establishes September 20, 2025, and every September 20 thereafter,  
33 as Soju Day in this state; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the citizens of this state are encouraged to join  
35 in the celebration of Soju Day by learning about Korean culture,  
36 attending community events, and engaging in the rich traditions  
37 that soju represents; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 95 (Choi) – As Introduced June 13, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Soju Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes September 20, 2025, and every September 20 thereafter, as Soju Day in this state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Soju, a traditional Korean distilled beverage, holds a significant cultural, historical, and social importance, not only within the Korean community, but increasingly across the United States. Soju has become an emblem of unity, celebration, and tradition for Korean Americans, serving as a bridge of cultural exchange and enhancing cross-cultural understanding in our diverse society.
- 2) Korean immigrants have contributed immensely to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of our state, and the recognition of Soju Day will further highlight and celebrate their contributions.
- 3) More than 530,000 Korean Americans reside in California. Korean Americans residing in California are part of the K-Food Movement by introducing Korean food, including bulgogi, kimchi, and soju, to their California friends.
- 4) Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2069 (Chapter 306 of the Statutes of 2024) into law in 2024, which allows California on-sale beer and wine licensees to also offer domestically produced soju and shochu to their customers, when previously those licensees were only authorized to offer imported Korean soju and Japanese shochu.
- 5) September 20 is chosen as Soju Day to recognize the day of California's new law. The establishment of Soju Day is intended to foster deeper appreciation for Korean heritage and culture, strengthen community bonds, and promote unity among people from diverse backgrounds.

**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 AUGUST 19, 2025

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 14, 2025

## Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 96

**Introduced by Senator Wahab**

**(Coauthors: Senators Cabaldon and Choi)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Caloza, Fong, Kalra, Lee, Nguyen,  
and Ta)

June 18, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96—Relative to the 50th anniversary of Southeast Asian American resettlement.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 96, as amended, Wahab. Southeast Asian Americans: resettlement.

This measure would commemorate 50 years since Southeast Asian refugees began resettling in the United States, honor their sacrifices, recognize their contributions, uplift the principles of second chances, rehabilitation, and ~~integrational~~ *intergenerational* healing for Southeast Asian Americans who resettled in the United States and California, and resolve the Legislature’s continued pursuit of comprehensive policies for Southeast Asian American communities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, April 17, 2025, marks the 50th year since the
- 2 Khmer Rouge began its devastating reign in Cambodia, April 30,
- 3 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, December
- 4 2, 2025, marks the 50th year since the abolition of the Lao
- 5 monarchy, and May 1, 2025, marks the 50th year since the Hmong,



1 Lao, and other ethnic minorities from Laos began their evacuation  
2 from Laos; and

3 WHEREAS, 2025 commemorates the 50th year of the beginning  
4 of the resettlement of Southeast Asian refugees to the United States;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Southeast Asian Americans comprise more than  
7 3 million individuals in the United States and include, but are not  
8 limited to, the Cham, Hmong, Khmer, Khmer Kampuchea Krom,  
9 Khmer Loeu, Khmu, Lahu, Lao, Iu Mien, Montagnards, Phutai,  
10 Pnong, Tai Dam, Tai Deng, Tai Lue, Vietnamese, and ethnic  
11 Chinese with Southeast Asian heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest share of Southeast  
13 Asian Americans in the country, with 35 percent of the Vietnamese  
14 American population, 34 percent of the Cambodian population,  
15 25 percent of the Laotian American population, 33 percent of the  
16 Hmong American population, and 71 percent of the Iu Mien  
17 American population; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States intervened in Cambodia, Laos,  
19 and Vietnam through direct military interventions and covert and  
20 clandestine operations; and

21 WHEREAS, The United States dropped millions of tons of  
22 bombs and dispersed millions of gallons of Agent Orange across  
23 Southeast Asia, with many Southeast Asians still impacted by the  
24 effects of unexploded bombs and the toxin; and

25 WHEREAS, More than 3 million individuals were displaced  
26 by ~~war~~, war and genocide from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Between 1975 to the mid-2000s, the United States  
29 accepted over 1.2 million Southeast Asians escaping the Vietnam  
30 war, the Secret War and persecution in Laos, and Khmer Rouge  
31 genocide in Cambodia; and

32 WHEREAS, The resettlement of Southeast Asian refugees in  
33 the United States typically placed many individuals and families  
34 in communities with inadequate resources and resettlement support,  
35 and many of these individuals and their children experienced health  
36 and economic disparities; and

37 WHEREAS, Many Southeast Asian refugees have thrived and  
38 contributed greatly to the economic, educational, military, political,  
39 and social culture of California and the United States since their  
40 resettlement; and

1 WHEREAS, Southeast Asian Americans have built community  
2 and made their home across California in places such as Little  
3 Saigon in Orange County and Cambodia Town in Long Beach, as  
4 well as community enclaves in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los  
5 Angeles, Sacramento, the Central Valley, and San Diego; and

6 WHEREAS, Southeast Asian Americans are predominantly  
7 employed in production- and service-oriented industries in  
8 California, such as manufacturing, retail trade, health care and  
9 social services, and accommodation and food services; and

10 WHEREAS, Despite the success of many Southeast Asian  
11 Americans, many still face economic, educational, and linguistic  
12 barriers in the United States, in particular, a significant percentage  
13 of Cambodian, Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese, and other Southeast  
14 Asian Americans endure severe poverty, educational barriers, and  
15 unique health disparities as survivors of war and genocide; and

16 WHEREAS, One in two Vietnamese Americans and about  
17 one-third of Cambodian, Hmong, and Laotian Americans in  
18 California have limited English proficiency; and

19 WHEREAS, Southeast Asian Americans in California report  
20 median household incomes between \$19,000 to \$29,000 per capita,  
21 inclusive, which is below the California median of \$36,000 per  
22 capita; and

23 WHEREAS, Four in 10 Southeast Asian Americans have public  
24 health insurance coverage in California; and

25 WHEREAS, Over one-quarter of Cambodian and Laotian  
26 Americans in California have less than a high school degree, higher  
27 than the California average of 16 percent; and

28 WHEREAS, As survivors of war and genocide, Southeast Asian  
29 Americans still face disparate health outcomes, including higher  
30 rates of physical, mental, and chronic health challenges, including  
31 60 percent of Cambodians and a significant number of other  
32 Southeast Asian Americans who continue to experience  
33 post-traumatic stress disorder; and

34 WHEREAS, As children of the survivors of war and genocide,  
35 first and second generation Southeast Asian Americans have  
36 intergenerational, compounded trauma that has created poor mental  
37 health conditions and educational barriers; and

38 WHEREAS, Southeast Asian refugees were resettled into  
39 disinvested communities that were heavily policed, had  
40 under-resourced schools, and lacked living wage jobs and mental

1 health resources, and as a result, many Southeast Asian refugee  
2 youth became entangled with the law and vulnerable to deportation;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Many Southeast Asian Americans with a final  
5 order of removal are United States residents who are more than  
6 10 years removed from the time of their criminal convictions and  
7 have moved on to become pillars of their communities,  
8 homeowners, parents, caregivers, and tenured employees; ~~now;~~  
9 ~~therefore, be it and~~

10 WHEREAS, Deportation breaks up families and, in some cases,  
11 the deportees have never lived in their country of origin, do not  
12 speak the language of their country of origin, or do not have a  
13 living relative in their country of origin; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commemorates the 50  
16 years since Southeast Asian refugees began resettling in the United  
17 States; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Legislature honors the sacrifices made by  
19 Southeast Asian American communities on behalf of the United  
20 States; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the contributions of  
22 Southeast Asian Americans to the economic, educational, military,  
23 political, and social culture of California and the United States;  
24 and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Legislature uplifts the principles of second  
26 chances, rehabilitation, and intergenerational healing for Southeast  
27 Asian Americans who resettled to California and the United States  
28 as refugees from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature continues to pursue  
30 comprehensive policies that ensure disaggregated data, visibility,  
31 and equity for Southeast Asian American communities in  
32 California, including in education, health and mental health care,  
33 and language access; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 96 (Wahab) – As Amended August 19, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Southeast Asian Americans: resettlement.

**SUMMARY:** Commemorates the 50 years since Southeast Asian refugees began resettling in the United States; and, honors the sacrifices made by Southeast Asian American communities on behalf of the United States. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Southeast Asian Americans comprise more than three million individuals in the United States and include, but are not limited to, the Cham, Hmong, Khmer, Khmer Kampuchea Krom, Khmer Loeu, Khmu, Lahu, Lao, Iu Mien, Montagnards, Phutai, Pnong, Tai Dam, Tai Deng, Tai Lue, Vietnamese, and ethnic Chinese with Southeast Asian heritage.
- 2) California is home to the largest share of Southeast Asian Americans in the country, with 35 percent of the Vietnamese American population, 34 percent of the Cambodian population, 25 percent of the Laotian American population, 33 percent of the Hmong American population, and 71 percent of the Iu Mien American population.
- 3) The resettlement of Southeast Asian refugees in the United States typically placed many individuals and families in communities with inadequate resources and resettlement support, and many of these individuals and their children experienced health and economic disparities. Many Southeast Asian refugees have thrived and contributed greatly to the economic, educational, military, political, and social culture of California and the United States since their resettlement.
- 4) Despite the success of Southeast Asian Americans, many still face economic, educational, and linguistic barriers in the United States; in particular, a significant percentage of Cambodian, Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese, and other Southeast Asian Americans endure severe poverty, educational barriers, and unique health disparities as survivors of war and genocide.

**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 Arreguín

July 16, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 100, as introduced, Arreguín. California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of November 2025 as California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month to recognize the need for individuals, schools, communities, businesses, local governments, and the state to take action on behalf of runaway and homeless youth in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth are young people  
2 between 12 to 24 years of age, inclusive, who have the least access  
3 to essential opportunities and supports; and  
4 WHEREAS, The prevalence of runaways and homelessness  
5 among youth is staggering, with studies suggesting that nationally  
6 4,200,000 youth up to 25 years of age experience some form of  
7 homelessness each year, of which an overrepresentation, compared  
8 to the general youth population, are youth of color, gay, lesbian,  
9 bisexual, or transgender; and  
10 WHEREAS, Based on national surveys and California’s youth  
11 population, an estimated 200,000 youth under 18 years of age, and  
12 thousands more who are 18 to 24 years of age, inclusive, are  
13 homeless for one or more days each year; and

1 WHEREAS, Based on the United States Department of Housing  
2 and Urban Development’s 2024 point-in-time homeless count, the  
3 number of unaccompanied homeless youth in California is 9,052,  
4 and there are another 1,890 parenting youth and their children  
5 experiencing homelessness. California’s K–12 educational system,  
6 which captures youth doubled-up or couch surfing, reported 8,831  
7 unaccompanied homeless youth, of which 580 were temporarily  
8 unsheltered, in the 2023–24 school year. While a study released  
9 in November 2017 by the University of Chicago’s Chapin Hall  
10 found 1 in 10 young adults between 18 and 25 years of age, and  
11 at least 1 in 30 adolescents between 13 and 17 years of age,  
12 experiences homelessness over the course of a year; and

13 WHEREAS, The percentage of unaccompanied homeless youth  
14 who are unsheltered in California stands at 60 percent, which is  
15 the second highest in the country. California also has 24 percent  
16 of the homeless youth in the country, the largest number of  
17 homeless youth of any state; and

18 WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth flee conflict, abuse,  
19 neglect, or increasingly, poverty in their homes. They have become  
20 disconnected from educational systems and the workforce and do  
21 not have the skills and financial resources to live on their own.  
22 The factors impacting youth homelessness are complex and differ  
23 from those impacting other homeless populations; and

24 WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth who live on the  
25 street are victims of physical abuse, sexual exploitation, human  
26 trafficking, and crime in untold numbers. An estimated 300,000  
27 youth are either victims or at risk of becoming victims of the  
28 commercial sexual exploitation of children each year, which 60  
29 percent of these victimized children are homeless; and

30 WHEREAS, Homeless youth tend to have started using drugs  
31 at a younger age, often before 15 years of age. Early drug use and  
32 abuse is predictive of serious adult addiction problems and  
33 long-term homelessness; and

34 WHEREAS, Youths who “age out” of the foster care system  
35 are at an increased risk of homelessness and represent an estimated  
36 20 percent of the 20,000 youth who leave foster care and are  
37 currently homeless; and

38 WHEREAS, These youths are on the street because they feel  
39 there are no other options open to them; and

1 WHEREAS, Providing safe, stable, and permanent housing for  
2 runaway and homeless youth is a family, community, state, and  
3 national priority, and homeless youth are considered one of the  
4 unique populations in the homeless community by the United  
5 States Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

6 WHEREAS, The future well-being of our state depends on the  
7 value we place on our youth, and, in particular, on our actions to  
8 provide the most vulnerable young people in the state with  
9 opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills, and abilities they  
10 need to find and maintain stable housing and develop into healthy  
11 and productive adults; and

12 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic, and its lasting impacts,  
13 are being felt by youth through high unemployment rates and  
14 increased demand for youth-centered care and mental health  
15 services, technology, and access to hygiene, food, shelter, and  
16 safety; and

17 WHEREAS, When targeted resources are invested, we see a  
18 significant increase in the number of communities with  
19 youth-specific housing and programs that will help prevent youth  
20 from becoming chronically homeless. California has increased the  
21 number of youth beds from 3,159 in 2015 to 7,033 in 2024; and

22 WHEREAS, The California Coalition for Youth has operated  
23 the California Youth Crisis Line (1-800-843-5200), 24 hours a  
24 day, seven days a week, for over 30 years as the state's only  
25 emergency response system for youth in crisis, and which began  
26 offering chat-to-text counseling services in 2016; and

27 WHEREAS, November is National Youth Homelessness  
28 Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month; and

29 WHEREAS, The California Coalition for Youth, along with  
30 other community-based organizations, providers, and advocates,  
31 are sponsoring California's 14th annual Youth HOPE Month to  
32 increase awareness and action on behalf of youth at risk or currently  
33 living on the street; and

34 WHEREAS, Awareness of the tragedy of youth experiencing  
35 homelessness and its causes must be heightened to ensure greater  
36 support for effective programs aimed at preventing homelessness  
37 and helping youth remain off the streets; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
39 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the need for  
40 individuals, schools, communities, businesses, local governments,

1 and the state to take action on behalf of runaway and homeless  
2 youth in California; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates the month of  
4 November 2025 as California Youth HOPE Month; and be it  
5 further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 100 (Arreguín) – As Introduced July 16, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of November 2025 as California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month to recognize the need for individuals, schools, communities, businesses, local governments, and the state to take action on behalf of runaway and homeless youth in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Runaway and homeless youth are young people between 12 to 24 years of age, inclusive, who have the least access to essential opportunities and supports.
- 2) The prevalence of runaways and homelessness among youth is staggering, with studies suggesting that nationally 4,200,000 youth up to 25 years of age experience some form of homelessness each year, of which an overrepresentation, compared to the general youth population, are youth of color, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.
- 3) The percentage of unaccompanied homeless youth who are unsheltered in California stands at 60 percent, which is the second highest in the country. California also has 24 percent of the homeless youth in the country, the largest number of homeless youth of any state.
- 4) Runaway and homeless youth flee conflict, abuse, neglect, or increasingly, poverty in their homes. They have become disconnected from educational systems and the workforce and do not have the skills and financial resources to live on their own. The factors impacting youth homelessness are complex and differ from those impacting other homeless populations.
- 5) The California Coalition for Youth has operated the California Youth Crisis Line (1-800-843-5200), 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for over 30 years as the state's only emergency response system for youth in crisis, and which began offering chat-to-text counseling services in 2016.
- 6) November is National Youth HOPE Month. The California Coalition for Youth, along with other community-based organizations, providers, and advocates, are sponsoring California's 14th annual Youth HOPE Month to increase awareness and action on behalf of youth at risk or currently living on the street.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Coalition for Youth

**Opposition**

None on file

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At-Large Youth Representative

August 28, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
1021 O St, Room 4510  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SCR 100 (Arreguín) – Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month**  
**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Pacheco,

On behalf of the California Coalition for Youth (CalYouth), we are pleased to support and sponsor Senate Concurrent Resolution 100 (Arreguín), which will establish November 2025 as the California Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month. Nationally, November was officially declared National Runaway & Homeless Youth Month by the United States Congress on July 11, 2007, and last year, was rebranded as Youth HOPE Month. This resolution will elevate the importance of targeted action needed for our youth experiencing homelessness.

CalYouth is a forty-three-year-old grassroots non-profit organization located in Sacramento that, as a statewide coalition, takes positions on and advocates for public policies, programs and services that empower and improve the lives of all California's youth ages 12-24, with a strong focus on disconnected, runaway and homeless youth. CalYouth represents several hundred youth and community agencies throughout California. Our coalition acts as a voice for youth and young adults by advocating for public policies, programs, and services that respect, empower, and protect the rights of all youth.

Additionally, CalYouth operates the California Youth Crisis Line (CYCL), a state-mandated program under the Office of Emergency Services. The CYCL is a 24-hour hotline for youth, ages 12-24, to call when they are in crisis or when they just need someone to talk to. The CYCL provides crisis intervention counseling on many issues including: family issues, anxiety, homelessness, sexual assault, eating disorders, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, suicide and more. The CYCL receives over 14,000 calls a year, many of which are calls asking for referrals to homeless shelters for youth and

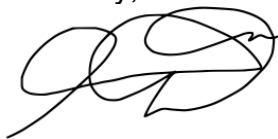
young adults. Additionally, the crisis line provides chat-to-text counseling services to meet youth in their preferred communication mode.

This resolution is important to raise awareness about the issues runaway and homeless youth face as well as to educate the public about solutions aimed at preventing youth from running away from home. Studies suggest that nationally 4.2 million youth up to 25 years of age experienced some form of homelessness each year.<sup>1</sup> Based on 2024 Point-In-Time homeless count, the number of unaccompanied homeless youth in California was 9,052, plus another 1,890 parenting youth and their children experiencing homelessness. Research has shown that homeless youth and young adults are at greater risk for physical abuse, sexual exploitation, mental health disabilities, chemical or alcohol dependency, and death.

The cost of youth homelessness to the State of California is considerable. While California has almost doubled the number of youth-specific housing, there are still 60% of youth who are unsheltered. This means we have a fraction of what is needed to fully address the needs of these young people. As we are too aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has added a layer of complexity to the typical concerns facing homeless young people. Changes in housing, education, and employment work together to amplify the instability these young people face every day and was a critical finding in a survey Cal Youth conducted of homeless youth during the pandemic. We are committed to preventing and ending youth homelessness and applaud the Legislature's leadership in addressing and responding to the needs of youth experiencing homelessness.

For these reasons, CalYouth is pleased to support and sponsor this resolution, SCR 100, and urge you to give favorable consideration when it comes before you.

Sincerely,

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Jevon Wilkes  
Executive Director

cc: Members and Staff of the Assembly Rules Committee  
Senator Arreguín

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<sup>1</sup> Morton, M.H., Dworsky, A., & Samuels, G.M. (2017). Missed opportunities: Youth homelessness in America. National estimates. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.

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**Introduced by Senator Choi**  
**(Coauthor: Senator Richardson)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chen, Mark González, Quirk-Silva,  
and Ta)

July 17, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 101—Relative to Taekwondo Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 101, as introduced, Choi. Taekwondo Day.

This measure would proclaim September 4, 2025, as Taekwondo Day in California and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the positive impact of Taekwondo on individuals, families, and communities throughout the state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Taekwondo, the traditional Korean martial art that  
2 emphasizes discipline, respect, physical fitness, and mental  
3 strength, has become one of the most practiced martial arts in the  
4 world and has greatly contributed to global health, culture, and  
5 peace; and  
6 WHEREAS, In 1971, the South Korean government officially  
7 declared Taekwondo the national sport of South Korea; and  
8 WHEREAS, On September 4, 1994, Taekwondo was adopted  
9 as an official sport of the Olympic Games, and the Legislature also  
10 designated September 4, 2020, as California Taekwondo Day; and  
11 WHEREAS, Taekwondo has been embraced by diverse  
12 communities across California, fostering cross-cultural

1 understanding, character development, and youth empowerment;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, California is home to hundreds of Taekwondo  
4 dojangs (schools), instructors, athletes, and families who have  
5 elevated the practice through education, competition, and  
6 community service; and

7 WHEREAS, Taekwondo is a modern Korean martial art with  
8 ancient roots tracing back over 2,000 years to early Korean  
9 kingdoms such as Goguryeo, Silla, and Baekje, where martial arts  
10 were practiced for both military training and personal development;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, September 4th marks a meaningful celebration of  
13 the values of Taekwondo—courtesy, integrity, perseverance,  
14 self-control, and indomitable spirit—which continue to enrich the  
15 lives of Californians of all ages and backgrounds; now, therefore,  
16 be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims  
19 September 4, 2025, as Taekwondo Day in California and  
20 encourages all residents to recognize and celebrate the positive  
21 impact of Taekwondo on individuals, families, and communities  
22 throughout the state; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to Taekwondo organizations across California and  
25 to members of the public as an expression of high regard from the  
26 California State Senate.

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 101 (Choi) – As Introduced July 17, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Taekwondo Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims September 4, 2025, as Taekwondo Day in California; and, encourages all residents to recognize and celebrate the positive impact of Taekwondo on individuals, families, and communities throughout the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Taekwondo, the traditional Korean martial art that emphasizes discipline, respect, physical fitness, and mental strength, has become one of the most practiced martial arts in the world and has greatly contributed to global health, culture, and peace.
- 2) In 1971, the South Korean government officially declared Taekwondo the national sport of South Korea. On September 4, 1994, Taekwondo was adopted as an official sport of the Olympic Games, and the Legislature also designated September 4, 2020, as California Taekwondo Day.
- 3) Taekwondo has been embraced by diverse communities across California, fostering cross-cultural understanding, character development, and youth empowerment.
- 4) California is home to hundreds of Taekwondo dojangs (schools), instructors, athletes, and families who have elevated the practice through education, competition, and community service.
- 5) September 4 marks a meaningful celebration of the values of Taekwondo—courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit—which continue to enrich the lives of Californians of all ages and backgrounds.

**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 Caballero**

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Ashby, Cervantes, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, McGuire, McNerney, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Strickland, and Valladares)

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August 18, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to California Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 102, as introduced, Caballero. California Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2025 as California Firefighter Appreciation Month and October 4, 2025, as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial, located on  
2 the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate  
3 California firefighters who unwaveringly serve our great state with  
4 pride, courage, and honor; and

5 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is maintained  
6 by the California Fire Foundation to ensure that it continues to be  
7 a symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of



1 the fire service who put their lives on the line each day to protect  
2 the people, property, and beauty of California; and

3 WHEREAS, Each of the over 1,500 names engraved on the  
4 brushed limestone walls of the California Firefighters Memorial  
5 serves as a timeless tribute to the finest and bravest of our state  
6 who have made the ultimate sacrifice as firefighters; and

7 WHEREAS, These names are currently listed chronologically  
8 and include the name of the department where the firefighter  
9 served; and

10 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is the only  
11 state monument capturing the names in perpetuity of those  
12 courageous firefighters in California who have put service to our  
13 great State of California above all else; and

14 WHEREAS, The California Fire Foundation has embarked on  
15 an important effort to expand the California Firefighters Memorial  
16 to preserve and continue the everlasting tribute to those who have  
17 made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great state; and

18 WHEREAS, To ensure that Californians can continue to honor  
19 the brave professionals who keep our communities safe, it is  
20 imperative that ample, respectful space remain available at the  
21 California Firefighters Memorial site for the inscription of the  
22 names of future fallen firefighters; and

23 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is undergoing  
24 expansion to modify it in a way that is sufficient in size to inscribe  
25 the names of the fallen for decades to come; and

26 WHEREAS, The design, construction, and maintenance of the  
27 California Firefighters Memorial is financed entirely by donations  
28 made to the California Fire Foundation. Historically, donations  
29 include those made by Californians as voluntary contributions  
30 through a special state income tax checkoff and by firefighters  
31 through the purchase of the special firefighter license plate; and

32 WHEREAS, California firefighters respond to approximately  
33 3,000,000 incidents across the state each year and the scope of  
34 their work goes beyond fighting fires. They also provide emergency  
35 medical services and respond to natural disasters, hazardous  
36 materials incidents, water rescue emergencies, high-angle and  
37 confined space emergencies, and other general public service calls;  
38 and

39 WHEREAS, The catastrophic urban conflagration across the  
40 County of Los Angeles in January 2025 brought thousands of

1 firefighters from across the state to battle the wildfires and save  
2 countless lives through their dedication and bravery; and

3 WHEREAS, Many of the fallen firefighters whose names adorn  
4 the California Firefighters Memorial died either under tragic,  
5 traumatic circumstances or suffered from and ultimately succumbed  
6 to work-related diseases, such as occupational cancer, as a result  
7 of the hazardous nature of their work, including routine exposure  
8 to toxins; and

9 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony  
10 will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in the City of  
11 Sacramento to commemorate the line-of-duty service and sacrifice  
12 of 30 California fire service professionals; and

13 WHEREAS, As it did when the California Firefighters Memorial  
14 was formally unveiled over two decades ago on April 6, 2002, this  
15 year's ceremony will feature a solemn, uniformed personnel  
16 procession. State and local elected officials and other dignitaries,  
17 as well as hundreds of Californians, family members, and friends  
18 of fallen firefighters, will travel to the City of Sacramento to honor  
19 their lost loved ones; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
22 month of October 2025 as California Firefighter Appreciation  
23 Month and October 4, 2025, as California Firefighters Memorial  
24 Day; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That Californians are urged to always remember the  
26 firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty and  
27 express their appreciation to those firefighters who continue to  
28 protect our families; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 102 (Caballero) – As Introduced August 18, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** California Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of October 2025 as California Firefighter Appreciation Month and October 4, 2025, as California Firefighters Memorial Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The California Firefighters Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate California firefighters who unwaveringly serve our great state with pride, courage, and honor.
- 2) The California Firefighters Memorial is maintained by the California Fire Foundation to ensure that it continues to be a symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the fire service who put their lives on the line each day to protect the people, property, and beauty of California.
- 3) The California Firefighters Memorial is the only state monument capturing the names in perpetuity of those courageous firefighters in California who have put service to our great State of California above all else. Each of the over 1,500 names engraved on the brushed limestone walls of the California Firefighters Memorial serves as a timeless tribute to the finest and bravest of our state who have made the ultimate sacrifice as firefighters.
- 4) California firefighters respond to approximately three million incidents across the state each year and the scope of their work goes beyond fighting fires. They also provide emergency medical services and respond to natural disasters, hazardous materials incidents, water rescue emergencies, high-angle and confined space emergencies, and other general public service calls.
- 5) The catastrophic urban conflagration across the County of Los Angeles in January 2025 brought thousands of firefighters from across the state to battle the wildfires and save countless lives through their dedication and bravery.
- 6) The California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in the City of Sacramento to commemorate the line-of-duty service and sacrifice of 30 California fire service professionals.
- 7) As it did when the California Firefighters Memorial was formally unveiled over two decades ago on April 6, 2002, this year's ceremony will feature a solemn, uniformed personnel procession. State and local elected officials and other dignitaries, as well as hundreds of Californians, family members, and friends of fallen firefighters, will travel to the City of Sacramento to honor their lost loved ones.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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**Introduced by Senator Valladares**  
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**Hurtado, and Weber Pierson)**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ávila Farías, Calderon, Davies, Dixon,**  
**Soria, and Stefani)**

August 19, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 104—Relative to National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 104, as introduced, Valladares. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2025, and each following October, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, October is annually recognized as National  
2 Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and  
3 WHEREAS, Although progress has been made toward  
4 preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support  
5 to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done;  
6 and  
7 WHEREAS, Policymakers and communities must work together  
8 to transform the conditions that cause domestic violence and  
9 support survivor-centered solutions; and  
10 WHEREAS, Domestic violence programs in California provide  
11 essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and  
12 communities; and

1 WHEREAS, There is a need to provide education, awareness,  
2 and understanding of domestic violence and its causes; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need to support and amplify prevention  
4 programs and community-based strategies to create healthy  
5 environments and decrease the likelihood of perpetration, thereby  
6 stopping domestic violence from occurring in the first place; and

7 WHEREAS, There is a need to focus on the individualized needs  
8 of domestic violence survivors; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 54 percent of women and 38 percent  
10 of men in California experience physical intimate partner violence  
11 in their lifetimes; and

12 WHEREAS, California has higher rates of domestic violence  
13 experienced by both men and women when compared to the  
14 national average; and

15 WHEREAS, Women between 18 and 24 years of age are  
16 significantly more likely to be survivors of physical intimate  
17 partner violence than women in other age groups; and

18 WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects people of all genders,  
19 sexual orientations, and ages and all racial, ethnic, cultural, social,  
20 religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in  
21 California; and

22 WHEREAS, The marginalization of certain groups in society,  
23 including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and  
24 people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to  
25 domestic violence; and

26 WHEREAS, Approximately 4 out of every 10 non-Hispanic  
27 Black women, 4 out of every 10 American Indian or Alaska Native  
28 women, and 1 out of every 2 multiracial non-Hispanic women  
29 have been the victim of rape, physical violence, or stalking, or  
30 more than one of these, by an intimate partner in their lifetime.  
31 These rates are 30 to 50 percent higher than those experienced by  
32 Hispanic women, White non-Hispanic women, and Asian or Pacific  
33 non-Hispanic women; and

34 WHEREAS, According to the American Psychological  
35 Association, women with disabilities have a 40-percent greater  
36 risk of intimate partner violence than women without disabilities;  
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Seventy-six percent of transgender and gender  
39 nonconforming people have experienced domestic violence in their  
40 lifetimes; and

1 WHEREAS, Domestic violence is the third leading cause of  
2 homelessness among families in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Domestic violence has a significant economic  
4 impact on women throughout the country. An estimated 8,000,000  
5 days of paid work are lost each year as the result of intimate partner  
6 violence. In 2022, the economic impact in California alone was  
7 \$73,700,000,000, with lost earnings of \$13,963,180,000 and  
8 medical costs of \$46,126,840,000; and

9 WHEREAS, Children exposed to domestic violence can  
10 experience long-term consequences, including difficulty at school,  
11 substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious  
12 adult health problems; and

13 WHEREAS, Recognizing the need to understand the complexity  
14 of violence as perpetuated within communities and against  
15 communities, and the fear of many survivors to report to law  
16 enforcement; and

17 WHEREAS, Between 2021 and 2022, domestic violence shelter  
18 programs served 13,370 individuals in shelters and served 54,521  
19 individuals through nonshelter supportive services; and

20 WHEREAS, There were 125 domestic violence-related  
21 homicides in California in 2024, of which 93 of the fatalities were  
22 female and 32 were male; and

23 WHEREAS, All survivors deserve access to culturally  
24 responsive programs and services to increase their safety and  
25 self-sufficiency; and

26 WHEREAS, All communities deserve access to culturally  
27 responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall  
28 community health and safety by challenging the societal norms  
29 that perpetuate violence; and

30 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the vital role that all  
31 Californians can play in preventing and one day ending domestic  
32 violence; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes October 2025,  
35 and each following October, as National Domestic Violence  
36 Awareness Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 104 (Valladares) – As Introduced August 19, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of October 2025, and each following October, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done. Policymakers and communities must work together to transform the conditions that cause domestic violence and support survivor-centered solutions.
- 2) Domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities.
- 3) Approximately 54 percent of women and 38 percent of men in California experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes. California has higher rates of domestic violence experienced by both men and women when compared to the national average.
- 4) Domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, and ages and all racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California.
- 5) All survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency.
- 6) All communities deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall community health and safety by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence.
- 7) October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Legislature recognizes the vital role that all Californians can play in preventing and one day ending domestic violence.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file



**Opposition**

None on file

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August 27, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Rules  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
RE: Request for Urgency Clause - Senate Bill 471 (Menjivar)

Dear Chair Pacheco,

I respectfully request the inclusion of an urgency clause to Senate Bill 471 (Menjivar).

SB 471 would expand the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Ombudsperson's statutory authority to assist DDS system consumers and families with inquiries, complaints, or grievances in a fair and neutral manner. Amongst the statutory authorities, the bill also provides strict confidentiality requirements between the DDS Ombudsperson and individuals served by Regional centers or their families.

The administration has expressed the needed urgency on this issue, and as the author, I agree. We cannot afford to go another day without the statutory authority and confidentiality provisions in place for the DDS ombudsperson. A recent Los Angeles Times article found that adults with autism were facing torture at an LA group home. With the added urgency clause, this would allow the statutory authority and necessary confidentiality to be afforded to any individual seeking assistance from the DDS Ombudsperson. Another day without this necessary authority means another case similar to the one that occurred in LA will fall through the cracks in our developmental services system. As a state, we have the obligation to best serve the needs of individuals being served by regional centers. Their protection and privacy are paramount. The urgency is needed now, and cannot wait until January 1, 2026, to be enacted.

The Developmental Services Ombudsperson was established in the Budget Act of 2022, SB 154 (Committee on the Budget, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022); however, it was not codified in statute. Statutory authority is urgently needed for the DDS Ombudsperson to access records, negotiate settlements, and access other key people and information, and report trends to the Legislature. This authority would help clarify and empower the Ombudsperson's duties in serving individuals who are served by Regional Centers.

This bill and its urgency will ensure that California remains a leader in serving all Californians who are being served by Regional centers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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# California Legislature

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August 25, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chairwoman  
Assembly Rules Committee  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairwoman Pacheco:

I respectfully request permission to add an urgency clause to SB 864 (Padilla). This bill would ratify one tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria. The bill would additionally ratify two tribal amendments to tribal-state gaming compacts between the State of California and the Pinoleville Pomo Nation, California, and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

An urgency clause is necessary in order to enhance the economic development, stability, and self-sufficiency of these tribes and to protect the interests of these tribes and its members, the surrounding community, and the California public at the earliest possible time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If any questions should arise, please contact my Chief Consultant, Felipe Lopez, at (916) 651-1530.

Sincerely,

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Stephen C. Padilla  
Chairman  
Senate Governmental Organization Committee

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 864

SENATE BILL

No. 864

Introduced by ~~Committee on Governmental Organization~~ (Senators Padilla (Chair), Archuleta, Ashby, Blakespear, Cervantes, Dahle, Hurtado, Jones, Ochoa Bogh, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Valladares, Wahab, and Weber Pierson) Senator Padilla  
(Coauthors: Senators Archuleta, Ashby, Hurtado, Ochoa Bogh, Richardson, and Wahab)

March 20, 2025

An act to ~~amend Section 19819 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling; add Section 12012.120 to the Government Code, relating to tribal gaming, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 864, as introduced, ~~Committee on Governmental Organization~~ Padilla. ~~Gambling Control Act. Tribal gaming: compact ratification.~~

Existing federal law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, provides for the negotiation and execution of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of authorizing certain types of gaming on Indian lands within a state. The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to negotiate and conclude those compacts, subject to ratification by the Legislature. Existing law expressly ratifies a number of tribal-state gaming compacts, and amendments to tribal-state gaming compacts, between the State of California and specified Indian tribes.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion



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Amendment 1

Amendment 2

Amendment 3

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

SB 864

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*of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.*

*This bill would ratify the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, the first amendment to the compact between the State of California and the Pinoleville Pomo Nation, California, and the first amendment to the compact between the State of California and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. The bill would provide that, in deference to tribal sovereignty, certain actions related to these compacts are not projects for the purposes of CEQA.*

*This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.*

~~Existing law, the Gambling Control Act, establishes the California Gambling Control Commission, which is responsible for licensing and regulating various gambling activities and establishments. Existing law requires the commission to maintain a public record of every vote at its principal office.~~

~~This bill would additionally require the commission to post a public record of every vote on the commission's internet website no later than the close of business on the 2nd business day after the meeting at which the vote was taken.~~

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

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

- + SECTION 1. Section 12012.120 is added to the Government
- + Code, to read:
- + 12012.120. (a) The following tribal-state gaming compacts
- + and amended compacts entered into in accordance with the federal
- + Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (18 U.S.C. Secs. 1166 to
- + 1168, inclusive, and 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et seq.), are hereby
- + ratified:
- + (1) The compact between the State of California and the Cher-Ae
- + Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, executed
- + on July 11, 2025.

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- + (2) *The first amendment to the compact between the State of California and the Pinoleville Pomo Nation, California, executed on July 30, 2025.*
- + (3) *The first amendment to the compact between the State of California and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, executed on July 30, 2025.*
- + (b) (1) *In deference to tribal sovereignty, none of the following shall be deemed a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code):*
  - + (A) *The execution of a tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.*
  - + (B) *The execution of an amended tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.*
  - + (C) *The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between a tribe and a county or city government negotiated pursuant to the express authority of, or as expressly referenced in, a tribal-state gaming compact or amended compact ratified by this section.*
  - + (D) *The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between a tribe and the Department of Transportation, or other state agency, negotiated pursuant to the express authority of, or as expressly referenced in, a tribal-state gaming compact or amended compact ratified by this section.*
  - + (E) *The on-reservation impacts of compliance with the terms of a tribal-state gaming compact or amended compact ratified by this section.*
- + (2) *Except as expressly provided in this section, this subdivision does not exempt a city, county, or city and county, or the Department of Transportation, or any state agency or local jurisdiction, from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.*
- + SEC. 2. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*
  - + *In order to enhance the economic development, stability, and self-sufficiency of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, the Pinoleville Pomo Nation, California, and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, and to protect the interests of those tribes and their members, the surrounding*



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+ *communities, and the California public at the earliest possible*  
+ *time, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.*

Page 1 1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 19819 of the Business and Professions~~  
2 ~~Code is amended to read:~~  
3 ~~19819. (a) The commission shall establish and maintain a~~  
4 ~~general office for the transaction of its business in Sacramento.~~  
Page 2 1 ~~The commission may hold meetings at any place within the state~~  
2 ~~when the interests of the public may be better served.~~  
3 ~~(b) A public record of every vote shall be maintained at the~~  
4 ~~commission's principal office and posted on the commission's~~  
5 ~~internet website no later than the close of business on the second~~  
6 ~~business day after the meeting at which the vote was taken.~~  
8 ~~(c) A majority of the membership of the commission is a quorum~~  
9 ~~of the commission. The concurring vote of three members of the~~  
10 ~~commission shall be required for any official action of the~~  
11 ~~commission or for the exercise of any of the commission's duties,~~  
12 ~~powers, or functions.~~  
13 ~~(d) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, Article 9~~  
14 ~~(commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of~~  
15 ~~Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code applies to meetings~~  
16 ~~of the commission. Notwithstanding Section 11125.1 of the~~  
17 ~~Government Code, documents, which are filed with the commission~~  
18 ~~by the department for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications~~  
19 ~~of an applicant, are exempt from disclosure under Division 10~~  
20 ~~(commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1 of the Government~~  
21 ~~Code.~~

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