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Monday, April 6, 2026
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 126

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/3/2026
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

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

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/06/2026

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 1563</u>	BUDGET
<u>ACR 163</u>	RLS.
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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 9, 2026

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 150

Introduced by Assembly Member Michelle Rodriguez

February 25, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 150—Relative to California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 150, as amended, Michelle Rodriguez. California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

This measure would declare the week of April 12, 2026, to April 18, 2026, inclusive, as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, When an emergency occurs, the prompt response
2 of public safety personnel is critical to the protection of life and
3 preservation of property; and
4 WHEREAS, Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers
5 serve the citizens of the State of California on a daily basis by
6 answering emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance and
7 coordinating public safety field units; and
8 WHEREAS, These career professionals answer over
9 ~~240,000,000~~ 27,000,000 911 calls *in California* annually; and
10 WHEREAS, These professionals measure their success in the
11 lives that are saved by the 911 system each and every day; and
12 WHEREAS, Public safety dispatchers have contributed
13 substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires,
14 and helping of others during a critical time of need; and

1 WHEREAS, Public safety communications professionals work
2 under challenging and stressful circumstances; and
3 WHEREAS, Public safety communications professionals
4 dedicate their lives and careers to helping others; and
5 WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2021, Chapter 68 of the
6 Statutes of 2020 recognized public safety dispatchers as first
7 responders in the State of California; and
8 WHEREAS, In 1991, the United States Congress designated
9 the second week in April as National Public Safety
10 Telecommunicators Week; and
11 WHEREAS, California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
12 will recognize all public safety dispatchers who are an integral
13 part of California’s first responder team, who work 24 hours per
14 day, seven days per week, and serve as the first critical contact our
15 citizens have with emergency services; now, therefore, be it
16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the week
18 of April 12, 2026, to April 18, 2026, inclusive, to be California
19 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and honors and recognizes
20 the importance and contributions of California’s public safety
21 communications professionals and commends them for their
22 continued commitment and service to the residents of California;
23 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: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 150 (Michelle Rodriguez) – As Amended March 9, 2026

SUBJECT: California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of April 12, 2026, to April 18, 2026, inclusive, as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; and, recognizes the importance and contributions of California’s public safety communications professionals. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers serve the citizens of the State of California on a daily basis by answering emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance and coordinating public safety field units.
- 2) These career professionals answer over 27 million 911 calls in California annually. They measure their success in the lives that are saved by the 911 system each and every day.
- 3) Public safety dispatchers have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and helping of others during a critical time of need.
- 4) Public safety communications professionals work under challenging and stressful circumstances and dedicate their lives and careers to helping others.
- 5) California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week will recognize all public safety dispatchers who are an integral part of California’s first responder team, who work 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and serve as the first critical contact our citizens have with emergency services.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 160

Introduced by Assembly Member Sharp-Collins

March 18, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 160—Relative to Parkinson’s Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 160, as introduced, Sharp-Collins. Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2026 as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is a chronic, progressive
2 neurological disease and is the second most common
3 neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and
4 WHEREAS, The symptoms of Parkinson’s disease vary from
5 person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement
6 and rigidity, gait and balance difficulties, speech and swallowing
7 disturbances, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders,
8 and a variety of other nonmotor symptoms; and
9 WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is the fastest growing
10 neurological disease in the United States; and
11 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 90,000 individuals are diagnosed
12 annually with Parkinson’s disease in North America, 50 percent
13 higher than research previously suggested; and
14 WHEREAS, There is inadequate data on the incidence and
15 prevalence of Parkinson’s disease, but it is estimated to affect

1 nearly 1,600,000 people in the United States, and that number is
2 expected to more than double by 2040; and
3 WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is the 15th leading cause of
4 death in the United States, according to the federal Centers for
5 Disease Control and Prevention; and
6 WHEREAS, There are millions of Americans who are
7 caregivers, family members, and friends greatly impacted by
8 Parkinson’s disease; and
9 WHEREAS, There is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the
10 progression of the disease, and available treatments are limited in
11 their ability to address patients’ medical needs and remain effective
12 over time; and
13 WHEREAS, Research indicates environmental exposures may
14 contribute to Parkinson’s disease risk, and California continues to
15 evaluate emerging science related to pesticide exposure and
16 neurological health; and
17 WHEREAS, In 2024, California enacted Assembly Bill 1963
18 of the 2023–24 Regular Session, which addresses the registration
19 and reevaluation of certain pesticide products, including paraquat,
20 with further scientific review and regulatory action anticipated in
21 the coming years; and
22 WHEREAS, Ongoing state and federal review processes,
23 including reevaluation timelines extending through the end of the
24 decade, are intended to ensure that public health decisions reflect
25 the best available evidence and protect Californians; and
26 WHEREAS, Volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical
27 professionals are working to improve the quality of life of people
28 living with Parkinson’s disease and their families; and
29 WHEREAS, It is estimated that Parkinson’s disease costs \$52
30 billion per year, of which the federal government shoulders \$25
31 billion, leaving American families to cover the remaining amount;
32 and
33 WHEREAS, According to the State Department of Public Health
34 Parkinson’s Disease Registry, over 130,000 people in California
35 have Parkinson’s disease; and
36 WHEREAS, Estimates indicate Parkinson’s disease costs the
37 state \$5.8 billion annually for direct and indirect health care costs;
38 and
39 WHEREAS, The California Parkinson’s Disease Registry was
40 created in 2017 through the state budget and became operational

1 in 2018. The California Parkinson’s Disease Registry has become
2 a model for the nation and the world as it collects patient
3 information that can help improve our understanding and treatment
4 of Parkinson’s disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Now expanded to include more data on related
6 diseases, the California Neurodegenerative Disease Registry has
7 collected hundreds of thousands of electronic records and formed
8 reporting partnerships with more than 500 reporting entities,
9 including health groups such as Sutter Health, Kaiser Permanente,
10 Dignity Health, Scripps Health, and Stanford Health Care, allowing
11 patient data to automatically be sent from the physician’s office
12 to the state. After the data is processed by the State Department
13 of Public Health, it is made available to research institutions in an
14 effort to improve treatments and eventually find a cure for the
15 disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Research suggests the cause of Parkinson’s disease
17 is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the
18 exact cause in most individuals is still unknown; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2010, the Michael J. Fox Foundation launched
20 its landmark research study, the Parkinson’s Progression Markers
21 Initiative (PPMI), to better understand Parkinson’s disease and
22 advance new treatments; and

23 WHEREAS, As a result of the PPMI study, in April 2023, the
24 Michael J. Fox Foundation announced the validation of the
25 first-ever biomarker for Parkinson’s disease. For the first time in
26 the living body, researchers can objectively detect an abnormal
27 protein in individuals with Parkinson’s disease, and those not yet
28 diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease who do not show clinical
29 symptoms. This discovery represents one of the most prominent
30 breakthroughs in brain disease research of the past decade; and

31 WHEREAS, Increased research, education, and community
32 support services are needed to find more effective treatments and
33 to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease
34 today; and

35 WHEREAS, Continued public and private investment in
36 biomedical research, early detection, and data infrastructure is
37 essential to accelerating breakthroughs in Parkinson’s disease and
38 other neurodegenerative conditions; and

1 WHEREAS, California’s universities, health systems, and
2 research institutions play a leading role in advancing neuroscience
3 innovation, clinical trials, and equitable access to care; and

4 WHEREAS, Strengthening statewide capacity for research and
5 innovation will help ensure that California remains at the forefront
6 of efforts to better understand, prevent, and treat Parkinson’s
7 disease and related disorders; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
10 April 2026 as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month in California;
11 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 160 (Sharp-Collins) – As Introduced March 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2026 as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Parkinson’s disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease behind Alzheimer’s disease in the United States.
- 2) The symptoms of Parkinson’s disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, gait and balance difficulties, speech and swallowing disturbances, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders, and a variety of other non-motor symptoms.
- 3) Parkinson’s disease is the fastest growing neurological disease in the United States. It is estimated that 90,000 individuals are diagnosed annually with Parkinson’s disease in North America, 50 percent higher than research previously suggested.
- 4) Parkinson’s disease is the 15th leading cause of death in the United States, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There are millions of Americans who are caregivers, family members, and friends greatly impacted by Parkinson’s disease.
- 5) There is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease, and available treatments are limited in their ability to address patients’ medical needs and remain effective over time.
- 6) According to the State Department of Public Health Parkinson’s Disease Registry, over 130,000 people in California have Parkinson’s disease. Estimates indicate Parkinson’s disease costs the state \$5.8 billion annually for direct and indirect health care costs.
- 7) The California Parkinson’s Disease Registry was created in 2017 through the state budget and became operational in 2018. The California Parkinson’s Disease Registry has become a model for the nation and the world as it collects patient information that can help improve our understanding and treatment of Parkinson’s disease.
- 8) Research suggests the cause of Parkinson’s disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause in most individuals is still unknown.
- 9) Increased research, education, and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.
- 10) Strengthening statewide capacity for research and innovation will help ensure that California remains at the forefront of efforts to better understand, prevent, and treat Parkinson’s disease and related disorders.

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. 96

Introduced by Assembly Member Caloza

March 24, 2026

House Resolution No. 96—Relative to Invincible Day.

1 WHEREAS, The East Los Angeles Women’s Center proudly
2 commemorates its 50th year of service, advocacy, and support for
3 survivors of sexual violence and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, The beginning of Sexual Assault Awareness Month
5 calls upon communities to recognize the prevalence of sexual
6 violence and renew a collective commitment to prevention, healing,
7 and justice; and

8 WHEREAS, April 1, 2026, marks the first annual Invincible
9 Day, a day dedicated to honoring the strength, resilience, courage,
10 and healing of sexual assault survivors; and

11 WHEREAS, Invincible Day stands as a bold affirmation that
12 survivors are not alone, and that compassion, advocacy, and
13 accessible support services are essential to the path toward healing;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, April 1 represents a beginning, a reminder that
16 reaching out for support is an act of courage, and survivors are
17 encouraged to take a first step by contacting a 24-hour sexual
18 assault hotline, connecting with trusted professionals, and accessing
19 the resources available within their community; and

20 WHEREAS, Invincible Day serves as a declaration of unity,
21 bringing visibility where there has been shadow, voice where there
22 has been silence, and validation where there has been doubt; and

1 WHEREAS, We affirm clearly and without hesitation that
2 survivors are believed, survivors are powerful, survivors are
3 resilient, and survivors are invincible; and
4 WHEREAS, Community members are invited to show solidarity
5 by wearing red lipstick and hoop earrings as symbols of fierce,
6 unapologetic support for survivors and a rejection of harmful
7 narratives that attempt to justify sexual violence; and
8 WHEREAS, Together we proclaim: “Red Lips, Hoops On,
9 Invincible—who I am and what I wear does not justify sexual
10 violence”; and
11 WHEREAS, Through collective action and visible solidarity,
12 we challenge harmful narratives, support survivor healing, and
13 build a future free from violence; now, therefore, be it
14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
15 Assembly recognizes April 1, 2026, as the first annual
16 INVINCIBLE DAY—A Day of Strength, A Day for Survivors,
17 and encourage all members of the community to stand in solidarity
18 with survivors, uplift their voices, and recommit to ending sexual
19 violence through awareness, action, and compassion; and be it
20 further
21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 96 (Caloza) – As Introduced March 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Invincible Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 1, 2026, as the first annual Invincible Day—A Day of Strength, A Day for Survivors; and, encourage all members of the community to stand in solidarity with survivors, uplift their voices, and recommit to ending sexual violence through awareness, action, and compassion. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The beginning of Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls upon communities to recognize the prevalence of sexual violence and renew a collective commitment to prevention, healing, and justice.
- 2) April 1, 2026, marks the first annual Invincible Day, a day dedicated to honoring the strength, resilience, courage, and healing of sexual assault survivors.
- 3) Invincible Day stands as a bold affirmation that survivors are not alone, and that compassion, advocacy, and accessible support services are essential to the path toward healing.
- 4) April 1 represents a beginning, a reminder that reaching out for support is an act of courage, and survivors are encouraged to take a first step by contacting a 24-hour sexual assault hotline, connecting with trusted professionals, and accessing the resources available within their community.
- 5) The East Los Angeles Women’s Center proudly commemorates its 50th year of service, advocacy, and support for survivors of sexual violence and their families.
- 6) Through collective action and visible solidarity, we challenge harmful narratives, support survivor healing, and build a future free from violence.

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. 98

**Introduced by Assembly Members Bauer-Kahan, Addis, Ahrens,
Berman, Gabriel, Haney, Irwin, Krell, Lowenthal, Pellerin,
Blanca Rubio, Ward, and Zbur**

March 26, 2026

House Resolution No. 98—Relative to California Holocaust Memorial Day.

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

3 WHEREAS, More than 80 years have passed since the tragic
4 events that we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which
5 the dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered 6,000,000 Jews as
6 part of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final
7 Solution to the Jewish Question”; and

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

13 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
14 resisted the Nazis and provided assistance to the victims of the
15 Nazi regime, including the many American soldiers who liberated
16 concentration camps and provided comfort to those suffering; and

17 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,
18 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
19 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
20 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible
2 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against antisemitism,
3 racism, hatred, persecution, and tyranny of all forms lest these
4 atrocities be repeated; and

5 WHEREAS, In recent years, public displays of antisemitism
6 and antisemitic violence have increased dramatically in California
7 and around the world, and since the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack
8 on Israel, and the resulting war, there has been a staggering
9 proliferation of hate targeting the Jewish community and Jewish
10 community institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, We, the people of the State of California, should
12 actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality, human
13 rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of
14 a just and democratic society; and

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

18 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
19 recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the
20 Holocaust, including Holocaust Remembrance Day, known as
21 Yom HaShoah; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
23 *Assembly proclaims April 14, 2026, as “California Holocaust*
24 *Memorial Day” and urges Californians to observe this day of*
25 *remembrance for victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate*
26 *manner; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 98 (Bauer-Kahan) – As Introduced March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: California Holocaust Memorial Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims April 14, 2026, as “California Holocaust Memorial Day,” and urges Californians to observe this day of remembrance for victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 80 years have passed since the tragic events that we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which six million Jews and millions of other people were murdered as part of a carefully orchestrated, state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political annihilation under the Nazi regime.
- 2) We must recognize the heroism of those who resisted the Nazis and provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including the many American soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided comfort to those suffering.
- 3) We must teach our children, and future generations, that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity.
- 4) In recent years, public displays of antisemitism and antisemitic violence have increased dramatically in California and around the world, and since the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel, and the resulting war, there has been a staggering proliferation of hate targeting the Jewish community and Jewish community institutions.
- 5) The people of California should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality, human rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society. Each person in California should set aside moments of their time every year to give remembrance to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust.
- 6) The United States Holocaust Memorial Council recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including Holocaust Remembrance Day, known as Yom HaShoah.

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. 100

Introduced by Assembly Member Bains

March 26, 2026

House Resolution No. 100—Relative to Vaisakhi.

1 WHEREAS, Vaisakhi, also spelled Baisakhi, is an ancient
2 festival of great significance to Sikhs, Hindus, and Buddhists in
3 many regions of India and other parts of South and Southeast Asia,
4 and is celebrated annually on April 13 or 14 by many Californians
5 with Sikh and Indian heritage; and

6 WHEREAS, Vaisakhi, in several parts of Northern India,
7 especially Punjab, is a long-established harvest festival, which
8 predates Sikhism, to celebrate the agricultural year and pray for
9 abundant “rabi” crop produce for the next season; and

10 WHEREAS, For Sikhs and Sikh Americans, Vaisakhi holds
11 special religious and historical significance because it
12 commemorates the creation of Khalsa by the 10th Guru, Guru
13 Gobind Singh, in 1699, whereby five Sikhs called “Panj Piaray”
14 or “Beloved Five” were transformed into leaders of the faith to
15 defend religious freedom in front of thousands at Anandpur Sahib
16 and unified Sikhs into a family of soldier saints, known as the
17 Khalsa Panth; and

18 WHEREAS, Guru Gobind Singh, during the formation of
19 Khalsa, initiated the “Panj Kakkar” or “Five Ks” tradition of the
20 Khalsa that continues to be the basis for the unique Sikh identity,
21 whereby Sikhs wear Kesh (uncut hair), Kanga (a wooden comb),
22 Kara (an iron or steel bracelet worn on the wrist), Kirpan (an article
23 of faith taking the form of a sword), and Kachera (short breeches);
24 and

1 WHEREAS, For Hindus and Hindu Americans, the first day of
2 Vaisakhi marks the traditional solar new year and is celebrated in
3 diverse ways to mark spring harvest and the sacredness of rivers
4 in Hindu culture, and many Hindus celebrate Vaisakhi by going
5 to temple to pay respects and seek blessings, by bathing in the
6 sacred “Ganga” river, and by attending “melas,” or lively fairs;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Sikh American celebration of Vaisakhi
9 embodies an array of religious and cultural celebrations, including
10 worship, parades, and singing throughout the day and includes
11 performing seva (selfless service), such as providing free meals
12 to the needy and inviting visitors to Gurdwaras (Houses of
13 Worship); and

14 WHEREAS, Sikh Gurdwaras throughout the world and in
15 California are decorated and hold celebrations, and many Sikh
16 Americans choose to be initiated as Khalsa on this day; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
19 Assembly recognizes this year’s Vaisakhi celebration on Tuesday,
20 April 14, 2026, and encourages Californians to take part in this
21 joyous day of celebration; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Assembly observes Vaisakhi as one of the
23 most significant days for Sikh Americans and Sikh history and in
24 observance of Vaisakhi, expresses its deepest respect for all who
25 observe and celebrate Vaisakhi with South Asian Americans and
26 the Indian diaspora throughout the world on this significant
27 occasion; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 100 (Bains) – As Introduced March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Vaisakhi.

SUMMARY: Recognizes this year’s Vaisakhi celebration on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, encourages Californians to take part in this joyous day of celebration, and expresses deepest respect for all who observe and celebrate Vaisakhi. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Vaisakhi, also spelled Baisakhi, is an ancient festival of great significance to Sikhs, Hindus, and Buddhists in many regions of India and other parts of South and Southeast Asia, and is celebrated annually on April 13 or 14 by many Californians with Sikh and Indian heritage.
- 2) Vaisakhi, in several parts of Northern India, especially Punjab, is a long-established harvest festival, which predates Sikhism, to celebrate the agricultural year and pray for abundant “rabi” crop produce for the next season.
- 3) For Sikhs and Sikh Americans, Vaisakhi holds special religious and historical significance because it commemorates the creation of Khalsa by the 10th Guru Gobind Singh in 1699, whereby five Sikhs called “Panj Piaray” or “Beloved Five” were transformed into leaders of the faith to defend religious freedom.
- 4) For Hindus and Hindu Americans, the first day of Vaisakhi marks the traditional solar new year and is celebrated in diverse ways to mark spring harvest and the sacredness of rivers in Hindu culture.
- 5) The Sikh American celebration of Vaisakhi embodies an array of religious and cultural celebrations, including worship, parades, dancing, and singing throughout the day and includes performing seva (selfless service), such as providing free meals to the needy and inviting visitors to Gurdwaras (Houses of Worship).
- 6) Sikh Gurdwaras throughout the world and in California are decorated and hold celebrations, and many Sikh Americans choose to be baptized as Khalsa on this day.

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 Grove
(Coauthor: Senator Menjivar)**

January 14, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 110—Relative to Women’s Military History Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 110, as introduced, Grove. Women’s Military History Week.

This measure would recognize “Women Warriors” by proclaiming the week of March 16, 2026, to March 22, 2026, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week in California, recognize the hard-fought contributions of women to the military and freedom, and encourage Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Women have served bravely in every major United
- 2 States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their
- 3 courage and service have gone unrecognized. Our current
- 4 servicewomen would be unable to serve without the precedence,
- 5 persistence, determination, and unyielding resilience of the
- 6 incredible strides of women of previous generations; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have
- 8 served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Women have served
- 9 in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots, field artillery
- 10 officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs officers, and
- 11 even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force; and

1 WHEREAS, During the Civil War, women disguised as men
2 fought on both sides. Women also served as spies and medical
3 personnel. Three of the most famous women were Dr. Mary
4 Walker, a physician and the only woman ever awarded the
5 Congressional Medal of Honor; Clara Barton, who served at the
6 siege of Petersburg and founded the American Red Cross; and
7 Harriet Tubman, who was a volunteer nurse, spy, and scout for
8 the Union Army; and

9 WHEREAS, Cathay Williams was the first and only documented
10 African American woman to enlist in the United States Army as
11 a Buffalo Soldier in 1866 and Carmen Contreras-Bozak was the
12 first Latina to serve in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps in
13 1942; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Leigh Ann Hester became the first woman
15 in the United States Army since World War II to earn a Silver Star
16 for combat valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom, after leading
17 her service members on a counterattack of anti-Iraqi forces. Her
18 actions saved the lives of numerous convoy members; and

19 WHEREAS, Over 400 women have been killed in combat since
20 World War I and over 90 women have been identified as prisoners
21 of war since World War II; and

22 WHEREAS, January 24, 2025, marked the 12th anniversary of
23 the groundbreaking decision overturning a 1994 Pentagon rule
24 that restricted women from all combat-related roles, including
25 artillery, armor, and infantry; and

26 WHEREAS, While approximately 18 percent of the total United
27 States military is made up of women, 10 have held the rank of
28 four-star general, exemplifying the payoff for hard work that comes
29 to people who do their best work in each and every role they take
30 on, regardless of gender; and

31 WHEREAS, The United States military’s first female four-star
32 general, Army General Ann E. Dunwoody, cracked the military’s
33 “brass ceiling” in 2008, when she was awarded her fourth star and
34 named commander of the Army Materiel Command, the unit that
35 equips, outfits, and arms United States service members; and

36 WHEREAS, While women were barred from assignment to
37 direct ground combat units, they were “attached” to such units and
38 increasingly tasked with handling issues around the local populace.
39 Their success and performance directly led to initiatives that

1 resulted in a broader implementation of females in Special
2 Operations Forces for years to come; and

3 WHEREAS, Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent, a
4 Navy cryptologic technician who spoke seven different languages
5 and was assigned to several special operations and secretive units,
6 contributed directly to the capture of hundreds of enemy insurgents
7 and severely degraded enemy combat capability. She was one of
8 the first females to volunteer for and successfully pass the new
9 Naval Special Warfare Direct Support Course; and

10 WHEREAS, Beginning with Task Force Lioness and Female
11 Engagement Teams (FETs) in the early 2000s, female service
12 members conducted search and questioning of women to help end
13 terrorist attacks and smuggling, which was deemed culturally
14 inappropriate if performed by a male service member. The success
15 of Task Force Lioness and FETs led to the creation of Cultural
16 Support Teams (CSTs). From 2010–14, United States Special
17 Operations Command specially assessed, selected, and trained
18 CSTs, who were attached to special operations teams directly
19 engaging in village stability operations, search-and-clear and
20 tactical questioning of the female population of Afghanistan; and

21 WHEREAS, Members of Task Force Lioness, FETs, and CSTs
22 became a loophole for female service members to operate alongside
23 the most highly trained, and exclusively male, forces on the
24 battlefield, yet were considered enablers and not direct action
25 assaulters; and

26 WHEREAS, In June 2019, then Brigadier General Laura Yeager,
27 a former Black Hawk helicopter pilot, assumed command of the
28 California National Guard’s 40th Infantry Division, becoming the
29 first woman to command a United States Army infantry division;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, More than 9,000 female troops have earned Combat
32 Action Badges during modern combat operations, including those
33 in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have earned valor
34 awards, including the Silver Star, the Army’s third-highest valor
35 award; and

36 WHEREAS, It is recognized that women have always been
37 capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994
38 ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving;
39 and

1 WHEREAS, Since the ban was lifted, women are now training
2 for and serving in infantry, armor, short-range field artillery units
3 and occupations, and the number receiving their Ranger tabs
4 continues to grow. Moreover, women in all services are also now
5 eligible to serve as Special Operations Forces; and

6 WHEREAS, The Women in Military Service for America
7 Memorial, at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National
8 Cemetery, is the only major national memorial honoring all women
9 who have defended America throughout history. Their patriotism
10 and bravery are a part of our nation's heritage and are now
11 recognized; and

12 WHEREAS, The over 3,000,000 women who have served in
13 or with the armed forces since the American Revolution have
14 contributed immensely to the strength and resilience of our armed
15 forces; and

16 WHEREAS, Our military exists to serve and protect all people
17 in the United States, to defend the United States Constitution, and
18 to fight for our freedom; and

19 WHEREAS, From the Revolutionary War to modern-day
20 humanitarian efforts, women in our military have led the way for
21 progress, despite decades of obstacles, ultimately serving in
22 positions of leadership and combat roles; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes
25 "Women Warriors" by proclaiming the week of March 16, 2026,
26 to March 22, 2026, inclusive, as Women's Military History Week
27 in California; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the hard-fought
29 contributions of women to our military and our freedom, and
30 encourages Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that
31 women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women
32 in combat on January 24, 2013; 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: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 110 (Grove) – As Introduced January 14, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Women’s Military History Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of March 16, 2026, to March 22, 2026, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week in California; and, encourages Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Women have served bravely in every major United States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their courage and service have gone unrecognized.
- 2) Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Women have served in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots, field artillery officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs officers, and even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force.
- 3) January 24, 2025, marked the 12th anniversary of the groundbreaking decision overturning a 1994 Pentagon rule that restricted women from all combat-related roles, including artillery, armor, and infantry.
- 4) It is recognized that women have always been capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994 ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving.
- 5) Since the ban was lifted, women are now training for and serving in infantry, armor, short-range field artillery units and occupations, and the number receiving their Ranger tabs continues to grow. Moreover, women in all services are also now eligible to serve as Special Operations Forces.
- 6) More than 9,000 female troops have earned Combat Action Badges during modern combat operations, including those in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have earned valor awards, including the Silver Star, the Army’s third-highest valor award.
- 7) Our military exists to serve and protect all people in the United States, to defend the United States Constitution, and to fight for our freedom.
- 8) From the Revolutionary War to modern-day humanitarian efforts, women in our military have led the way for progress, despite decades of obstacles, ultimately serving in positions of leadership and combat roles.

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 Grove

January 20, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 114—Relative to National Surveyors Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 114, as introduced, Grove. National Surveyors Week
This measure would proclaim March 15, 2026, through March 21, 2026, as National Surveyors Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, There are over 45,000 professional surveyors in
- 2 the United States, and nearly 4,000 in the State of California; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Surveying is the art and science of accurately
- 4 determining the position of points and the distances between them,
- 5 and is often used to establish land boundaries for ownership or
- 6 governmental purposes; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Surveying has been an essential element in the
- 8 development of the human environment since the beginning of
- 9 recorded history and is required in the planning and execution of
- 10 nearly every form of construction, with its most familiar modern
- 11 uses in the fields of transportation, building and construction,
- 12 communications, mapping, and the definition of legal boundaries
- 13 for land ownership; and
- 14 WHEREAS, In order to accomplish their objective, surveyors
- 15 use elements of engineering, physics, mathematics, law, and
- 16 history; and

1 WHEREAS, Since the colonial days of the United States,
2 surveyors have been leaders in the community, statesmen,
3 influential citizens, and shapers of cultural standards; and
4 WHEREAS, Former notable surveyors include George
5 Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Meriwether
6 Lewis and William Clark, Daniel Boone, and Henry David
7 Thoreau, among many others; and
8 WHEREAS, It was the work of the surveyor that determined
9 the boundaries of land, the greatest economic asset in the colonies
10 and territories that became the United States, including California;
11 and
12 WHEREAS, The nature of surveying has changed dramatically
13 over time, as it is no longer limited to the description and location
14 of land boundaries; and
15 WHEREAS, Hydrographic surveys are important to the use of
16 all bodies of water; and
17 WHEREAS, Engineering surveys are utilized in the study and
18 selection of engineering construction; and
19 WHEREAS, Geodetic surveys determine precise global
20 positioning for activities such as aircraft and missile navigation;
21 and
22 WHEREAS, Cartographic surveys are used for mapping and
23 charting as well as photogrammetry, the science of using aerial
24 photographs for measurement and map production; and
25 WHEREAS, Many services are now provided through the use
26 of sophisticated surveying equipment and techniques, including
27 satellite-borne remote sensing devices and automated positioning,
28 measuring, recording, and plotting equipment; and
29 WHEREAS, The establishment of the week of March 15 through
30 March 21, 2026, as National Surveyors Week is a fitting tribute
31 to all surveyors; now, therefore, be it
32 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the week of
34 March 15, 2026, through March 21, 2026, as National Surveyors
35 Week; and be it further
36 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
37 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 114 (Grove) – As Introduced January 20, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: National Surveyors Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of March 15 through March 21, 2026, as National Surveyors Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Surveying is the art and science of accurately determining the position of points and the distances between them, and is often used to establish land boundaries for ownership or governmental purposes.
- 2) There are over 45,000 professional surveyors in the United States, and approximately 4,000 in the State of California.
- 3) Surveying has been an essential element in the development of the human environment since the beginning of recorded history and is required in the planning and execution of nearly every form of construction, with its most familiar modern uses in the fields of transportation, building and construction, communications, mapping, and the definition of legal boundaries for land ownership.
- 4) The nature of surveying has changed dramatically over time, as it is no longer limited to the description and location of land boundaries. In order to accomplish their objective, surveyors use elements of engineering, physics, mathematics, law, and history.
- 5) Since the colonial days of the United States, surveyors have been leaders in the community, statesmen, influential citizens, and shapers of cultural standards. Former notable surveyors include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, Daniel Boone, and Henry David Thoreau, among many others.
- 6) The establishment of the week of March 15 through March 21, 2026, as National Surveyors Week is a fitting tribute to all surveyors.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senators Allen and Wahab
(Coauthors: Senators Becker, Limón, Rubio, Stern, and Wiener)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ahrens, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Gabriel,
Pellerin, Ward, and Zbur)

February 13, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 127—Relative to Multifaith Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 127, as introduced, Allen. Multifaith Heritage Month.

This measure would designate the month of December each year as Multifaith Heritage Month, and would encourage residents of California to join in fostering a community grounded in mutual respect, understanding, and harmony among diverse faiths and cultures.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of California is recognized as a beacon
- 2 of multifaith harmony where diverse faith traditions increasingly
- 3 weave into the fabric of everyday life, enriching the social, cultural,
- 4 and spiritual life of the community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The residents of California celebrate the vibrant
- 6 tapestry of beliefs that characterize our multifaith community,
- 7 fostering unity, understanding, and open dialogue among people
- 8 of different faiths and backgrounds; and
- 9 WHEREAS, By embracing a wide array of faiths and cultures,
- 10 California cultivates an environment that values diversity, promotes
- 11 a sense of belonging for all individuals, and strengthens the
- 12 country’s distinctive identity as a place of inclusion and respect;
- 13 and

1 WHEREAS, The MultiFaith Initiative is a statewide organization
2 whose mission is to welcome, stand with, and celebrate the major
3 faith and spiritual traditions in our communities, promoting
4 understanding, respect, and cooperative activities while partnering
5 with other organizations to realize our common values and goals;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In alignment with the principles of peace, justice,
8 and equity, the MultiFaith Initiative encourages the community to
9 pledge itself as a multifaith state and commit to nonviolence, access
10 to essential resources such as education, health care, security, and
11 technology, and treating all individuals with fairness, compassion,
12 and respect; and

13 WHEREAS, The residents and leadership of California aspire
14 to uphold truth, rationality, and ethical decisionmaking in public
15 and private life and act with justice and compassion while
16 celebrating the diversity of faiths, cultures, and lifestyles that enrich
17 the lives of all California residents; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring,* That the State of California designates the
20 month of December each year as Multifaith Heritage Month and
21 encourages all residents to join in fostering a community grounded
22 in mutual respect, understanding, and harmony among diverse
23 faiths and cultures.

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 127 (Allen) – As Introduced February 13, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Multifaith Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of December each year as Multifaith Heritage Month; and, encourages all residents to join in fostering a community grounded in mutual respect, understanding, and harmony among diverse faiths and cultures. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The State of California is recognized as a beacon of multifaith harmony where diverse faith traditions increasingly weave into the fabric of everyday life, enriching the social, cultural, and spiritual life of the community.
- 2) The residents of California celebrate the vibrant tapestry of beliefs that characterize our multifaith community, fostering unity, understanding, and open dialogue among people of different faiths and backgrounds.
- 3) By embracing a wide array of faiths and cultures, California cultivates an environment that values diversity, promotes a sense of belonging for all individuals, and strengthens the country's distinctive identity as a place of inclusion and respect.
- 4) The MultiFaith Initiative is a statewide organization whose mission is to welcome, stand with, and celebrate the major faith and spiritual traditions in our communities, promoting understanding, respect, and cooperative activities while partnering with other organizations to realize our common values and goals.
- 5) The residents and leadership of California aspire to uphold truth, rationality, and ethical decisionmaking in public and private life and act with justice and compassion while celebrating the diversity of faiths, cultures, and lifestyles that enrich the lives of all California residents.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

**Introduced by Senators Grayson and Wahab
(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Arreguín, Becker, Caballero,
Dahle, Gonzalez, Grove, Hurtado, Laird, Niello, Ochoa Bogh,
Seyarto, Umberg, and Weber Pierson)**

February 23, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 133—Relative to California Down Syndrome Awareness Month and California Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 133, as introduced, Grayson. California Down Syndrome Awareness Month and California Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2026 as California Down Syndrome Awareness Month. The measure would also proclaim March 21, 2026, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Day, and would encourage all Californians to support and participate in related activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that
- 2 occurs in 1 out of every 700 to 1,000 births; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Down syndrome affects all races and ethnicities;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a
- 6 full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic
- 7 material alters the course of development and causes the
- 8 characteristics associated with Down syndrome; and

1 WHEREAS, Down syndrome causes delays in physical and
2 intellectual development and is the most common cause of
3 intellectual disabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, Down syndrome can also cause additional medical
5 problems, including, but not limited to, heart defects, hearing
6 problems, vision impairment, upper respiratory infections, and
7 intestinal and thyroid problems; and

8 WHEREAS, Adequate access to health care, early intervention
9 programs, and inclusive education, as well as appropriate research,
10 are vital to the growth and development of individuals with Down
11 syndrome; and

12 WHEREAS, The inherent dignity, worth, and valuable
13 contributions of persons with Down syndrome as promoters of
14 well-being and diversity of their communities, and the importance
15 of their individual autonomy and independence, including the
16 freedom to make their own choices, should be recognized; and

17 WHEREAS, Individuals with Down syndrome attend school,
18 work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful
19 relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many wonderful
20 ways; and

21 WHEREAS, This inclusiveness facilitates the participation of
22 individuals with Down syndrome in society and helps them fulfill
23 their personal potential; and

24 WHEREAS, The Buddy Walk program of the National Down
25 Syndrome Society helps raise awareness and funds for programs
26 that benefit people with Down syndrome and their families, and
27 the Special Olympics raises awareness and allows individuals with
28 Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities to discover new
29 strengths and abilities, skills, and success; and

30 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly
31 declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day to be observed
32 every year beginning in 2012, and invited all to observe World
33 Down Syndrome Day in order to raise public awareness of Down
34 syndrome; and

35 WHEREAS, The 21st day of the third month was selected to
36 signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome,
37 which causes Down syndrome; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
39 *thereof concurring, That March 2026 is proclaimed California*

1 Down Syndrome Awareness Month, and March 21, 2026, is
2 proclaimed California Down Syndrome Day; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That all Californians are encouraged to support and
4 participate in related activities; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
6 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

O

Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 133 (Grayson) – As Introduced February 23, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: California Down Syndrome Awareness Month and California Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2026 as California Down Syndrome Awareness Month, proclaims March 21, 2026, as California Down Syndrome Day; and, encourages all Californians to support and participate in related activities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that occurs in one out of every 700 to 1,000 births and affects all races and ethnicities.
- 2) Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.
- 3) Down syndrome causes delays in physical and intellectual development. Down syndrome can also cause additional medical problems, including, but not limited to, heart defects, hearing problems, vision impairment, upper respiratory infections, and intestinal and thyroid problems.
- 4) Adequate access to health care, early intervention programs, and inclusive education, as well as appropriate research, are vital to the growth and development of individuals with Down syndrome.
- 5) Individuals with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many wonderful ways.
- 6) The Buddy Walk Program helps raise awareness and funds for programs that benefit people with Down syndrome and their families, and the Special Olympics raises awareness and allows individuals with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities to discover new strengths and abilities, skills, and success.
- 7) In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day to be observed every year beginning in 2012, and invited all to observe World Down Syndrome Day in order to raise public awareness of Down syndrome.
- 8) The 21st day of the third month was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome that causes Down syndrome.
- 9) The inherent dignity, worth, and valuable contributions of persons with Down syndrome as promoters of well-being and diversity of their communities, and the importance of their

individual autonomy and independence, including the freedom to make their own choices, should be recognized.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Wahab

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Arreguín, Becker, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, McNerney, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Umberg, and Wiener)

February 23, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 134—Relative to Nowroz.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 134, as introduced, Wahab. Nowroz.

This measure would celebrate March 21, 2026, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extend best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowroz to all Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Nowroz, the day of the vernal equinox, is
- 2 celebrated as the beginning of the traditional new year by more
- 3 than 300,000,000 people around the world. It is celebrated on the
- 4 exact day of the astronomical northward equinox, which occurs
- 5 on or around March 21; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Since 2010, the United Nations has designated
- 7 March 21 as the International Day of Nowroz; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Nowroz is a combination of two Dari words: the
- 9 first, “now,” means new, and the second, “roz,” means day.
- 10 Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new
- 11 year for many Afghan and Central Asian communities all over the
- 12 world; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to
- 14 springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between

1 generations, families, and communities. Nowroz symbolizes a time
2 of renewal and community. It harkens the departure from the trials
3 and tribulations of the previous year, and brings hope for the new
4 year; and

5 WHEREAS, During Nowroz, people visit family, reconnect
6 with community members, forgive past wrongs, and exchange
7 gifts as a sign of peace and friendship, and these festivities last
8 multiple days; and

9 WHEREAS, Nowroz has been celebrated for over 3,000 years
10 in many countries, such as the United States, Afghanistan, Albania
11 (by Bektashi Muslims), Armenia (by Iranian Armenians, Kurds,
12 and Yezidis), Azerbaijan, Bangladesh (by Bangladeshi Shia
13 Muslims and others), China (by Tajiks and Turkic peoples),
14 Georgia (by Azerbaijanis), India (by Iranis, Parsis, and some Indian
15 Muslims), Iran, Iraq (by Kurds and Turkmens), Israel (by Persian
16 Jews, Kurdish Jews, Mountain Jews, and Bukharan Jews), Kashmir,
17 Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Northern Cyprus, Pakistan (by Balochs,
18 Baltis, Iranis, Parsis, and Pashtuns), Russia (by Tabasarans), Syria
19 (by Kurds), Tajikistan, Turkey (by Azerbaijanis, Kurds, and
20 Yoruks), Turkmenistan, Ukraine (by Crimean Tatars), and
21 Uzbekistan; and

22 WHEREAS, Nowroz is celebrated by Americans of all
23 backgrounds, including those with Baha'i, Christian, Jewish,
24 Muslim, Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds; and

25 WHEREAS, Nowroz, as the embodiment of the unity of cultural
26 heritage and centuries-long traditions, plays a significant role in
27 strengthening the ties among peoples based on mutual respect and
28 the ideals of peace and good neighborliness; and

29 WHEREAS, Nowroz serves to remind the United States of the
30 many lasting contributions of the Persian civilization to the world
31 and the noteworthy impact of Afghan Americans and Iranians to
32 the social and economic fabric of society in the United States,
33 including one of the earliest expressions of human rights in the
34 world—the Cylinder of Cyrus the Great. The United States Census
35 Bureau reports that the largest population of Afghans outside of
36 Afghanistan is in California and that 54 percent of Iranian
37 immigrants in America live in California; and

38 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed
39 International Nowroz Day at the enterprise of several countries
40 that uphold this global tradition, and the first global Nowroz

1 festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the many
2 noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to the
3 ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country. After
4 thousands of years in the making, Nowroz remains beloved,
5 universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
8 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature joins all communities
9 throughout the state in celebrating the Spring Equinox, recognizes
10 March 21, 2026, as the International Day of Nowroz, and extends
11 best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowroz to all
12 Californians; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 134 (Wahab) – As Introduced February 23, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Nowroz.

SUMMARY: Celebrates March 21, 2026, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowroz to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nowroz is a combination of two Dari words: the first, “now,” means new, and the second, “roz,” means day. Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new year for many Afghan and Central Asian communities all over the world. It is celebrated on the exact day of the astronomical northward equinox, which occurs on or around March 21.
- 2) The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between generations, families, and communities. Nowroz symbolizes a time of renewal and community. It harkens the departure from the trials and tribulations of the previous year, and brings hope for the new year.
- 3) The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed International Nowroz Day in 2010 at the enterprise of several countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global Nowroz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country. After thousands of years in the making, Nowroz remains beloved, universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture.
- 4) Nowroz, as the embodiment of the unity of cultural heritage and centuries-long traditions, plays a significant role in strengthening the ties among peoples based on mutual respect and the ideals of peace and good neighborliness.

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 Ashby

February 25, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 137—Relative to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 137, as introduced, Ashby. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day.

This measure would declare that the Legislature honors the life and legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and proclaims March 15, 2026, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day, a day of remembrance and education to ensure that all Californians always honor and remember a vibrant guardian of equality for all.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Women’s History Month in the United States is
- 2 celebrated in March and commemorates and encourages the study,
- 3 observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American
- 4 history; and
- 5 WHEREAS, One of these historical leaders is Ruth Bader
- 6 Ginsburg of Brooklyn, New York, born on March 15, 1933, who
- 7 was one of the most notable and influential Justices to have served
- 8 on the United States Supreme Court; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Before her appointment to the Supreme Court in
- 10 1993, Justice Ginsburg had a respected legal career: she attended
- 11 Harvard Law School and graduated first in her class from Columbia
- 12 Law School; served as a law clerk to a judge of the United States
- 13 District Court; served as a law school professor at Rutgers Law
- 14 School from 1963 to 1972, and at Columbia Law School from

1 1972 to 1980; and was appointed a judge of the United States Court
2 of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1980; and

3 WHEREAS, As a woman and a person of the Jewish faith,
4 Justice Ginsburg endured gender and religious discrimination that
5 denied her employment opportunities. However, she overcame
6 gender and religious discrimination by becoming the first female
7 professor to earn tenure at Columbia Law School; and

8 WHEREAS, At Harvard Law School, Justice Ginsburg tackled
9 the challenges of motherhood and of a male-dominated school
10 where she was one of nine females in a 500-person class. She faced
11 gender-based discrimination from even the highest authorities
12 there, who chastised her for taking a man's spot at Harvard Law
13 School. Justice Ginsburg broke barriers and served as the first
14 female member of the Harvard Law Review and Columbia Law
15 Review, and later became the second woman appointed to the
16 United States Supreme Court. Due to her drive and persistence,
17 she was not deterred from pursuing her goals and Justice Ginsburg
18 truly paved the way for many women to follow; and

19 WHEREAS, As a young attorney, Justice Ginsburg was
20 instrumental in fighting for women's rights, launching the
21 Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union,
22 and from 1973 to 1976, winning five women's rights cases that
23 she argued before the United States Supreme Court. Justice
24 Ginsburg took a broad look at gender discrimination, fighting not
25 just for the women left behind, but also for the men who were
26 discriminated against. Through litigation, community outreach,
27 advocacy, and public education, Justice Ginsburg empowered poor
28 women, women of color, and immigrant women, who have been
29 subject to gender bias and who faced pervasive barriers to equality.
30 Justice Ginsburg worked to ensure that women and their families
31 could enjoy the benefits of full equality and participate in every
32 sphere of society; and

33 WHEREAS, The jurisprudence of Justice Ginsburg blended
34 moral purpose with precision and technical mastery of the law.
35 Justice Ginsburg's successful advocacy for gender equality
36 significantly changed the law as it affects women, including the
37 landmark decision of *Reed v. Reed*, 404 U.S. 71 (1971), the first
38 case to hold that discrimination on the basis of sex violated the
39 equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg was a champion for gender justice,
2 abortion rights, voting rights, the rights of immigrants, and the
3 rights of LGBTQ+ individuals. Justice Ginsburg steadfastly
4 protected the rights of African Americans, women, immigrants,
5 gays and lesbians, persons accused of crimes, political dissidents,
6 and other groups in our society whose rights and interests are too
7 often disregarded by a hostile or indifferent majority. She was
8 devoted to the preservation of a fair electoral system, whether the
9 issue was campaign finance reform, gerrymandered legislative
10 districts, or expanding and preserving voting rights; and

11 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg became a leader, writing majority
12 opinions in *U.S. v. Virginia* 518 U.S. 515 (1996), holding that the
13 Virginia Military Institute’s male-only policy violated the Equal
14 Protection Clause, which led the institution to admit 30 women in
15 the fall of 1997, the institution’s first ever co-ed class; in *Olmstead*
16 *v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), holding that the
17 federal Americans with Disabilities Act required states to place
18 persons with mental disabilities in community settings rather than
19 institutions when feasible; and concurring in *Safford Unified*
20 *School Dist. No. 1 v. Redding*, 557 U.S. 364 (2009) that the strip
21 search of a middle school student violated the student’s Fourth
22 Amendment rights against unreasonable searches and seizures;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Her oral dissent in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire &*
25 *Rubber Co., Inc.*, 550 U.S. 618 (2007) pushed the United States
26 Congress to enact, and President Barack Hussein Obama to sign,
27 equal pay legislation in 2009, by rejecting a pay discrimination
28 case on a technicality. She defended women’s reproductive freedom
29 in several cases and supported gay marriage. In other cases, Justice
30 Ginsburg defended affirmative action against a legal onslaught,
31 and poignantly noted in interviews that she and many other women
32 had benefited from the practice; and

33 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg once said, “I’m sometimes asked
34 when will there be enough [women on the Supreme Court]. And
35 I say when there are nine ... people are shocked. But there’d been
36 nine men, and nobody’s ever raised a question about that.”; and

37 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg died on September 18, 2020, at
38 87 years of age after a long battle with cancer, and became the
39 first woman and the first Jewish person to lie in state in 168 years

1 and only the second United States Supreme Court Justice to lie in
2 state; and

3 WHEREAS, The nation and our state are deeply indebted to
4 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a truly distinguished American; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors the life and legacy
8 of United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and
9 proclaims March 15, 2026, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day,
10 a day of remembrance and education to ensure that all Californians
11 always honor and remember a vibrant guardian of equality for all;
12 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 137 (Ashby) – As Introduced February 25, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day.

SUMMARY: Honors the life and legacy of United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and proclaims March 15, 2026, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day, a day of remembrance and education to ensure that all Californians always honor and remember a vibrant guardian of equality for all. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Women’s History Month in the United States is celebrated in March, and commemorates and encourages the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. One of these historical leaders is Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was one of the most notable and influential Justices to have served on the United States Supreme Court.
- 2) The jurisprudence of Justice Ginsburg blended moral purpose with precision and technical mastery of the law. Justice Ginsburg’s successful advocacy for gender equality significantly changed the law as it affects women, including the landmark decision of *Reed v. Reed*, 404 U.S. 71 (1971), the first case to hold that discrimination on the basis of sex violated the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- 3) Justice Ginsburg was a champion for gender justice, abortion rights, voting rights, the rights of immigrants, and the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals. Justice Ginsburg steadfastly protected the rights of African Americans, women, immigrants, gays and lesbians, persons accused of crimes, political dissidents, and other groups in our society whose rights and interests are too often disregarded by a hostile or indifferent majority. She was devoted to the preservation of a fair electoral system, whether the issue was campaign finance reform, gerrymandered legislative districts, or expanding and preserving voting rights.
- 4) Her oral dissent in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Inc.*, 550 U.S. 618 (2007) pushed the United States Congress to enact, and President Barack Hussein Obama to sign, equal pay legislation in 2009 by rejecting a pay discrimination case on a technicality. She defended women’s reproductive freedom in several cases and supported gay marriage. In other cases, Justice Ginsburg defended affirmative action against a legal onslaught, and poignantly noted in interviews that she and many other women had benefited from the practice.
- 5) Justice Ginsburg died on September 18, 2020, at 87 years of age after a long battle with cancer, and became the first woman and the first Jewish person to lie in state in 168 years and only the second United States Supreme Court Justice to lie in state.
- 6) The nation and our state are deeply indebted to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a truly distinguished American.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

**Introduced by Senator Wahab
(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Caballero, Dahle, Grayson, Hurtado,
Laird, Niello, Reyes, and Umberg)**

March 5, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 139—Relative to Afghan American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 139, as introduced, Wahab. Afghan American Heritage Month. This measure would proclaim the month of March 2026 as Afghan American Heritage Month and recognize Afghan Americans as an essential part of cultural and civic life of this state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Afghan Americans, representing people of diverse
2 ethnic, linguistic, and cultural heritages and whose roots trace back
3 to the internationally recognized borders of modern-day
4 Afghanistan, have been part of the history of the United States for
5 more than 150 years, contributing to the nation’s growth, public
6 services, innovation, and cultural life, and California is home to
7 the largest Afghan American population in the country, with the
8 San Francisco Bay area recognized as the heart of this vibrant
9 community; and
10 WHEREAS, Across multiple generations, Afghan immigrants,
11 refugees, evacuees, and their descendants have come to California
12 seeking safety, opportunity, education, and the freedom to build
13 stable lives for their families, and in doing so have helped shape
14 a more inclusive and dynamic society; and

1 WHEREAS, Afghan Americans have strengthened the economic
2 and civic life of California and the United States as health care
3 professionals, educators, engineers, scientists, small business
4 owners, members of the armed forces, attorneys, judges, artists,
5 nonprofit leaders, public servants, and elected officials, revitalizing
6 commercial corridors, creating jobs, and expanding access to
7 critical services; and

8 WHEREAS, Afghan Americans have served with distinction
9 in the United States Armed Forces and in national security, public
10 safety, diplomatic, and civic roles since the American Civil War,
11 including Private Mohammed Kahn of the 43rd New York Infantry
12 Regiment, one of the earliest known Afghan Americans honored
13 for military service; and

14 WHEREAS, Afghan Americans have advanced civil rights,
15 social justice, and immigrant and refugee advocacy in solidarity
16 with other historically marginalized communities, strengthening
17 California's democratic and civic institutions; and

18 WHEREAS, The community preserves and shares a profound
19 cultural legacy shaped by the civilizations of the historic Persianate
20 world and the crossroads of Central and South Asia through poetry,
21 music, arts, traditional crafts, film, literature, and cuisine, and
22 through celebrations such as Nowruz, marking the arrival of spring
23 and symbolizing renewal, hope, and new beginnings, and draws
24 inspiration from the teachings of Jalal al-Din Rumi, whose message
25 of unity and humanity continues to influence the world; and

26 WHEREAS, The election of the first Afghan American to the
27 State Senate reflects the civic engagement, resilience, and
28 democratic participation of Afghan Americans and underscores
29 their integral role in the life of this state; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
32 month of March 2026 as Afghan American Heritage Month and
33 honors the enduring cultural, social, economic, and civic
34 contributions of Afghan Americans to the State of California and
35 to the United States; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes Afghan Americans
37 as an essential part of the cultural and civic life of this state and
38 celebrates their leadership, service, and resilience; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 139 (Wahab) – As Introduced March 5, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Afghan American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2026 as Afghan American Heritage Month; and, honors the enduring cultural, social, economic, and civic contributions of Afghan Americans to the State of California and to the United States. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Afghan Americans, representing people of diverse ethnic, linguistic, and cultural heritages and whose roots trace back to the internationally recognized borders of modern-day Afghanistan, have been part of the history of the United States for more than 150 years, contributing to the nation's growth, public services, innovation, and cultural life.
- 2) California is home to the largest Afghan American population in the country, with the San Francisco Bay area recognized as the heart of this vibrant community.
- 3) Across multiple generations, Afghan immigrants, refugees, evacuees, and their descendants have come to California seeking safety, opportunity, education, and the freedom to build stable lives for their families, and in doing so have helped shape a more inclusive and dynamic society.
- 4) Afghan Americans have strengthened the economic and civic life of California and the United States as health care professionals, educators, engineers, scientists, small business owners, members of the armed forces, attorneys, judges, artists, nonprofit leaders, public servants, and elected officials, revitalizing commercial corridors, creating jobs, and expanding access to critical services.
- 5) Afghan Americans have advanced civil rights, social justice, and immigrant and refugee advocacy in solidarity with other historically marginalized communities, strengthening California's democratic and civic institutions.

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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March 17th, 2026

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

Dear Chair Pacheco,

I'm writing to request that an urgency clause be added to AB 1795, The Smoke Damage Recovery Act. This bill establishes uniform statewide standards for the inspection, testing, and remediation of residential properties damaged by smoke exposure from wildfires. It requires insurance companies to follow consistent remediation protocols, ensures that residential properties are restored to safe and habitable conditions, and creates training and certification requirements for professionals involved in smoke-damage assessment and cleanup.

An Urgency Clause is needed as this bill responds to California's record-breaking wildfires — including the January 2025 Eaton and Palisades Fires which destroyed thousands of homes and left many more contaminated by smoke, soot, ash, and other toxic combustion byproducts. Right now, the absence of statewide standards has created confusion, unfair claims handling, and uncertainty for families already coping with unimaginable losses.

Consumer protection is the number one priority, and this bill establish will clear rules so that homeowners are protected and survivors can safely move back into their restored homes knowing they do not face life-long health risks.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Hayes, at Julia.Hayes@asm.ca.gov or (916) 319-2065.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike A. Gipson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Assemblymember, 65th AD

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March 31, 2026

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

Dear Chair Pacheco:

I respectfully request that AB 2130 be amended to include an urgency clause so that it may take effect immediately upon enactment.

Professional boxers and mixed martial arts fighters face immediate and ongoing risks of serious injury every time they compete. Repeated head trauma, concussions, and other lasting physical injuries can have lifelong consequences, yet many fighters do not have the same retirement protections or long-term support available to athletes in other professional sports. Unlike athletes in major team sports, many fighters lack guaranteed contracts, union-negotiated pensions, or comprehensive retirement systems.

AB 2130 creates a new, self-sustaining source of funding for the Boxer's Pension Fund and the Mixed Martial Arts Retirement Benefit Fund by authorizing the California State Athletic Commission to enter into sponsorship agreements for logos on referee and official apparel. Delaying implementation until January 1 of the following year would unnecessarily postpone the generation of new revenue for these retirement funds and delay support for fighters who are currently competing and sustaining serious physical risks.

An urgency clause is also necessary because the bill includes a one-time distribution for certain legacy mixed martial arts fighters who competed before retirement vesting requirements were fully established. Many of these fighters are older and have already spent years without access to meaningful retirement support. Immediate enactment would allow the Commission to begin implementing these benefits without further delay.

Finally, immediate implementation would allow the California State Athletic Commission to begin negotiating sponsorship agreements as soon as possible, creating a stable funding stream that supports both fighter retirement and referee training. This approach strengthens the long-term financial stability of the retirement funds while maintaining strong safety and oversight standards in combat sports.

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For these reasons, immediate enactment is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, and I respectfully request that AB 2130 be amended to include an urgency clause.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact my Legislative Aide Julian Sanchez with any follow up questions at JulianNeo.Sanchez@asm.ca.gov or 916-319-2017. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2026

Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco, Chair
Rules Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
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Re: Urgency status amendment of AB 2663

Chair Pacheco:

I am respectfully requesting to add an urgency status amendment to Assembly Bill 2663. This bill is extending a sunset date that expires on December 31, 2026. This sunset affects the ability of restaurants to sell alcoholic beverages "to-go". This is especially impactful to that business sector on the New Years Eve holiday and the inability to sell their products would cause economic harm and confuse consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Rogers".

CHRIS ROGERS
Assemblymember, 2nd District