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Monday, April 20, 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:** 4/17/2026  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/20/2026

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 2796</u>	PUB. S.
<u>ACR 176</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 178</u>	RLS.
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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 176**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Elhawary**

April 15, 2026

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 176—Relative to Second Chance Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 176, as introduced, Elhawary. Second Chance Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2026 as Second Chance Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Every individual is endowed with human dignity  
2 and value; and  
3 WHEREAS, Redemption and second chances are values of  
4 California; and  
5 WHEREAS, Restorative justice through healing and  
6 rehabilitation can help uplift society; and  
7 WHEREAS, An estimated 8,000,000 residents of California  
8 have a criminal record; and  
9 WHEREAS, About 35,000 Californians return to their  
10 communities from prison every year; and  
11 WHEREAS, Individuals returning from prison or jail have paid  
12 their debt for committing crimes but still face significant legal and  
13 societal barriers; and  
14 WHEREAS, For individuals returning to their communities  
15 from prison or jail, gaining meaningful employment is one of the

1 most significant predictors of successful reentry and has been  
2 shown to reduce future criminal activity; and

3 WHEREAS, Many individuals who have been incarcerated  
4 struggle to find employment and access capital to start a small  
5 business because of collateral consequences, which are sometimes  
6 not directly related to the offenses the individuals committed or  
7 any proven public safety benefit; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to employment, education has also been  
9 shown to be a significant predictor of successful reentry for  
10 individuals returning from prison; and

11 WHEREAS, An individual with a criminal record often has a  
12 lower level of educational attainment than the general population  
13 and has significant difficulty acquiring admission to, and funding  
14 for, educational programs; and

15 WHEREAS, An individual who has been convicted of certain  
16 crimes is often barred from receiving the financial aid necessary  
17 to acquire additional skills and knowledge through some formal  
18 education programs; and

19 WHEREAS, An individual with a criminal record faces  
20 significant barriers in securing a place to live and is often barred  
21 from seeking access to public housing; and

22 WHEREAS, Individuals returning from prison or jail often  
23 attempt to support their families financially and contribute to their  
24 neighborhoods through community service, but significant barriers  
25 can prevent them from doing so; and

26 WHEREAS, Those barriers can have an impact on public safety  
27 by contributing to recidivism; and

28 WHEREAS, Individuals returning from prison or jail often  
29 contribute to their communities by providing peer support services,  
30 helping prevent others from entering into the carceral system; and

31 WHEREAS, Individuals returning from prison or jail often  
32 engage in advocacy and become involved in criminal justice  
33 reform, using their experience to shape more effective policy; and

34 WHEREAS, Individuals returning from prison or jail can  
35 contribute to local economies through taxes, purchasing power,  
36 and fulfilling labor needs; and

37 WHEREAS, The consequences of being system impacted have  
38 particularly affected underserved communities of color and the  
39 communities' rates of employment, housing stability, and  
40 recidivism; and

1 WHEREAS, The inability to find gainful employment and other  
2 collateral consequences of conviction inhibit the economic mobility  
3 of an individual with a criminal record, which can negatively  
4 impact the well-being of the children and families of the individual  
5 for generations; and

6 WHEREAS, The designation of April 2026 as Second Chance  
7 Month may contribute to increased public awareness about the  
8 impact of collateral consequences and the need for closure for  
9 individuals with a criminal record who have paid their debt; and

10 WHEREAS, Second Chance Month may also contribute to  
11 increased public awareness about opportunities for individuals,  
12 employers, congregations, and communities to extend second  
13 chances to individuals with a criminal record; now, therefore, be  
14 it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
17 month of April 2026 as Second Chance Month in California; and  
18 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 20, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 176 (Elhawary) – As Introduced April 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Second Chance Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of April 2026 as Second Chance Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Redemption and second chances are values of California. Restorative justice through healing and rehabilitation can help uplift society.
- 2) An estimated eight million residents of California have a criminal record. About 35,000 Californians return to their communities from prison every year. Individuals returning from prison or jail have paid their debt for committing crimes but still face significant legal and societal barriers.
- 3) For individuals returning to their communities from prison or jail, gaining meaningful employment is one of the most significant predictors of successful reentry and has been shown to reduce future criminal activity.
- 4) Many individuals who have been incarcerated struggle to find employment and access capital to start a small business because of collateral consequences, which are sometimes not directly related to the offenses the individuals committed or any proven public safety benefit.
- 5) In addition to employment, education has also been shown to be a significant predictor of successful reentry for individuals returning from prison. An individual who has been convicted of certain crimes is often barred from receiving the financial aid necessary to acquire additional skills and knowledge through some formal education programs.
- 6) An individual with a criminal record faces significant barriers in securing a place to live and is often barred from seeking access to public housing.
- 7) Individuals returning from prison or jail often contribute to their communities by providing peer support services, helping prevent others from entering into the carceral system. They often engage in advocacy and become involved in criminal justice reform, using their experience to shape more effective policy.
- 8) The designation of April 2026 as Second Chance Month may contribute to increased public awareness about the impact of collateral consequences and the need for closure for individuals with a criminal record who have paid their debt.
- 9) Second Chance Month may also contribute to increased public awareness about opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances to individuals with a criminal record.

**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. 178**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Flora**

April 16, 2026

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 178—Relative to National Rendering Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 178, as introduced, Flora. National Rendering Day.

This measure would recognize April 21, 2026, as National Rendering Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The burden of responsibility for feeding the world  
2 extends beyond the farm, and rendering plays a critical role in  
3 ensuring we can meet the growing global demand for food, feed,  
4 and fuel while helping to reduce food waste and loss; and

5 WHEREAS, Up to one-half of each animal produced for meat  
6 is not consumed by humans due to North American consumer  
7 preferences, and rendering recycles these animal products into  
8 valuable ingredients for animal feed, renewable fuels, fertilizers,  
9 and other everyday products that would otherwise take up an  
10 enormous amount of precious landfill space and create public  
11 health concerns; and

12 WHEREAS, Renderers also collect billions of pounds of used  
13 cooking oil from restaurants and food manufacturers for upcycling  
14 into sustainable fuels, including biodiesel, that power trucks, trains,  
15 water vessels, and other vehicles; and

1 WHEREAS, Rendering feeds livestock, household pets, and  
2 other animals while serving as the largest industry involved in the  
3 prevention of food loss and waste and as an important component  
4 of a biocircular economy; and

5 WHEREAS, Rendering is an essential, environmentally friendly  
6 process that significantly contributes to sustainability by reducing  
7 greenhouse gas emissions, conserving landfill space, supporting  
8 a circular economy, and reducing reliance on imported resources;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The United States rendering industry annually  
11 recycles billions of pounds of material, contributes roughly \$10  
12 billion in annual economic activity across the country, supports  
13 thousands of jobs nationwide, including in the State of California,  
14 and includes many small businesses that help drive the American  
15 economy; and

16 WHEREAS, Renderers play an important role in reducing food  
17 loss and waste, sustainably recycling valuable agricultural resources  
18 and positively contributing to local, state, national, and  
19 international economies; and

20 WHEREAS, It is no coincidence that National Rendering Day  
21 falls on the day before Earth Day, as renderers, dubbed the “original  
22 recyclers,” have been silently cleaning up our communities for  
23 centuries by ensuring no part of the animal is wasted and by helping  
24 drive forward a circular economy; and

25 WHEREAS, National Rendering Day is observed annually on  
26 April 21 to raise awareness of the essential services provided by  
27 the rendering industry and its contributions to sustainability, public  
28 health, and the economy; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes April  
31 21, 2026, as National Rendering Day and commends the rendering  
32 industry and its workers for their vital contributions to  
33 environmental stewardship, public health, feeding the world,  
34 reducing food waste, and strengthening the economy; and be it  
35 further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 20, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 178 (Flora) – As Introduced April 16, 2026

**SUBJECT:** National Rendering Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes April 21, 2026, as National Rendering Day; and, commends the rendering industry and its workers for their vital contributions to environmental stewardship, public health, feeding the world, reducing food waste, and strengthening the economy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The burden of responsibility for feeding the world extends beyond the farm, and rendering plays a critical role in ensuring we can meet the growing global demand for food, feed, and fuel while helping to reduce food waste and loss.
- 2) Up to one-half of each animal produced for meat is not consumed by humans due to North American consumer preferences, and rendering recycles these animal products into valuable ingredients for animal feed, renewable fuels, fertilizers, and other everyday products that would otherwise take up an enormous amount of precious landfill space and create public health concerns.
- 3) Renderers also collect billions of pounds of used cooking oil from restaurants and food manufacturers for upcycling into sustainable fuels, including biodiesel, that power trucks, trains, water vessels, and other vehicles.
- 4) Rendering is an essential, environmentally friendly process that significantly contributes to sustainability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving landfill space, supporting a circular economy, and reducing reliance on imported resources.
- 5) Renderers play an important role in reducing food loss and waste, sustainably recycling valuable agricultural resources and positively contributing to local, state, national, and international economies.
- 6) It is no coincidence that National Rendering Day falls on the day before Earth Day, as renderers, dubbed the “original recyclers,” have been silently cleaning up our communities for centuries by ensuring no part of the animal is wasted and by helping drive forward a circular economy.
- 7) National Rendering Day is observed annually on April 21 to raise awareness of the essential services provided by the rendering industry and its contributions to sustainability, public health, and the economy.

**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 ASSEMBLY APRIL 9, 2026

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

**House Resolution**

**No. 31**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Celeste Rodriguez  
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry and Caloza)**

April 9, 2025

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House Resolution No. 31—Relative to Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day.

1 WHEREAS, In 2021, California rape crisis centers provided  
2 direct crisis intervention services to 44,000 individuals; and  
3 WHEREAS, People of all genders and ages are victims of sexual  
4 assault, and it is estimated that nearly one in two women and one  
5 in five men experience sexual violence other than rape throughout  
6 their lifetime; and  
7 WHEREAS, The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence  
8 Survey reports that there are over 38,000,000 survivors of rape  
9 throughout the United States, with 3,250,000 of those survivors  
10 of rape currently living in the State of California; and  
11 WHEREAS, According to the California Study on Violence  
12 Experience Across the Lifespan (CalVEX), one in seven adults in  
13 California experienced sexual violence from 2020 to 2021,  
14 inclusive; and  
15 WHEREAS, Rape and sexual assault impact people of all racial,  
16 cultural, and economic backgrounds; and  
17 WHEREAS, People of all genders and ages suffer multiple types  
18 of sexual violence, including acquaintance rape, stranger rape,  
19 sexual assault by an intimate partner, gang rape, incest, serial rape,

1 sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and stalking;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to the immediate physical and emotional  
4 costs, sexual assault survivors too frequently suffer from severe  
5 and long-lasting consequences, such as post-traumatic stress  
6 disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, eating  
7 disorders, low self-esteem, and suicide; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and  
9 Prevention has identified sexual assault as a significant, costly,  
10 and preventable health issue; and

11 WHEREAS, ~~ValorUS~~, A coalition of rape crisis centers and  
12 their allies, continues to directly confront this crisis with the  
13 cooperation of community advocates, health care providers,  
14 institutions of higher education, law enforcement, and other allied  
15 professionals from California’s diverse communities; and

16 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to support all rape survivors  
17 by treating them with dignity, compassion, and respect; and

18 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the compassion and  
19 dedication of the individuals involved in this effort, applaud their  
20 commitment to foster healing, and increase public understanding  
21 of this significant problem; and

22 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the strength, courage,  
23 and challenges of the victims and survivors of sexual assault and  
24 their families and friends as they struggle to cope with the reality  
25 of sexual assault; and

26 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize that not all victims of  
27 sexual assault survive, either at the time of the assault or later, due  
28 to the horrific long-term trauma that sexual assault often inflicts  
29 upon victims; and

30 WHEREAS, There are rape prevention and education efforts  
31 underway throughout California to challenge the societal myths  
32 and behaviors that perpetuate rape and to engage communities in  
33 a common goal of ending sexual assault; and

34 WHEREAS, It is crucial to hold perpetrators responsible for  
35 sexual attacks, and to prevent sexual violence at every opportunity;  
36 and

37 WHEREAS, In 1998, the Supreme Court of Cassation in Italy  
38 overturned the conviction of a man who sexually assaulted an  
39 18-year-old woman after the court determined that, “because the  
40 victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove

1 them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but  
2 consensual sex”; and

3 WHEREAS, Enraged by the court decision, within a matter of  
4 hours, the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate  
5 action and protested by wearing jeans to work; and

6 WHEREAS, Nations and states throughout the world have  
7 followed the lead of the Italian Parliament by designating their  
8 own “Denim Day” to raise public awareness about rape and sexual  
9 assault; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2021, California joined the States of New  
11 Hampshire and Florida in fulfilling the promise of Denim Day by  
12 approving and enacting Assembly Bill 939 (Chapter 529 of the  
13 Statutes of 2021), which prohibits a survivor’s manner of dress  
14 from serving as evidence of consent in sexual assault cases; and

15 WHEREAS, Harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault  
16 allow these crimes to persist and allow survivors to be revictimized  
17 through victim-blaming attitudes and sometimes unresponsive  
18 government systems; and

19 WHEREAS, California is a national leader in promoting  
20 victim-centered approaches within the judicial, criminal justice,  
21 medical, rape crisis, and health communities; now, therefore, be  
22 it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
24 *Assembly recognizes the month of April—2025 2026 as Sexual*  
25 *Assault Awareness Month; and be it further*

26 *Resolved, That the Assembly recognizes April—30, 2025, 29,*  
27 *2026, as Denim Day in California and encourages everyone to*  
28 *wear jeans on that day to help communicate the message that there*  
29 *is no excuse for, and never an invitation to commit, rape; and be*  
30 *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: April 20, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 31 (Celeste Rodriguez) – As Amended April 9, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and recognizes April 29, 2026, as Denim Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 2021, California rape crisis centers provided direct crisis intervention services to 44,000 individuals.
- 2) The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey reports that there are over 38 million survivors of rape throughout the United States with 3.25 million of those survivors of rape currently living in the State of California.
- 3) People of all genders and ages are victims of sexual assault, and it is estimated that nearly one in two women and one in five men experience sexual violence other than rape throughout their lifetime. They suffer multiple types of sexual violence, including acquaintance rape, stranger rape, sexual assault by an intimate partner, gang rape, incest, serial rape, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and stalking.
- 4) The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified sexual assault as a significant, costly, and preventable health issue.
- 5) A coalition of rape crisis centers and their allies, continues to directly confront this crisis with the cooperation of community advocates, health care providers, institutions of higher education, law enforcement, and other allied professionals from California’s diverse communities.
- 6) It is our responsibility to support all rape survivors by treating them with dignity, compassion, and respect. There are rape prevention and education efforts underway throughout California to challenge the societal myths and behaviors that perpetuate rape and to engage communities in a common goal of ending sexual assault.
- 7) In 1998, the Supreme Court of Cassation in Italy overturned the conviction of a man who sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman after the court determined that, “because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.” Enraged by the court decision, within a matter of hours, the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work.
- 8) Nations and states throughout the world have followed the lead of the Italian Parliament by designating their own “Denim Day” to raise public awareness about rape and sexual assault.

- 9) Harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault allow these crimes to persist and allow survivors to be revictimized through victim-blaming attitudes and sometimes unresponsive government systems.
- 10) California is a national leader in promoting victim-centered approaches within the judicial, criminal justice, medical, rape crisis, and health communities.
- 11) In 2021, California joined the States of New Hampshire and Florida in fulfilling the promise of Denim Day by approving and enacting Assembly Bill 939 (Chapter 529 of the Statutes of 2021), which prohibits a survivor's manner of dress from serving as evidence of consent in sexual assault cases.

**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. 106**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Elhawary**

April 15, 2026

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House Resolution No. 106—Relative to High School Voter Education Weeks.

1 WHEREAS, The Secretary of State, the chief election officer  
2 of the state, is committed to enhancing democracy by promoting  
3 voter registration and encouraging participation in all elections  
4 among eligible Californians; and

5 WHEREAS, California’s youth play an important role in the  
6 democratic process by contributing their voices to the selection of  
7 our leaders and expressing their perspectives on significant issues;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Individuals meeting eligibility requirements who  
10 are 16 and 17 years of age may preregister to vote and  
11 automatically become active voters upon reaching 18 years of age;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, California high schools are encouraged to support  
14 preregistration and voter registration opportunities by providing  
15 access to the state’s online voter registration system or by making  
16 physical voter registration cards available to eligible students; and

17 WHEREAS, High school administrators are encouraged to  
18 designate student voter outreach coordinators to help promote  
19 participation and facilitate civic engagement activities during High  
20 School Voter Education Weeks; and

21 WHEREAS, Students are encouraged to participate in civic life  
22 through voter education programs, by serving as election workers,

1 and by motivating eligible peers, family members, and community  
2 members to register to vote; and

3 WHEREAS, With the 2026 general election approaching,  
4 students are also encouraged to participate in the 2026 California  
5 Student Mock Election, a statewide program that provides hands-on  
6 experience with the electoral process; and

7 WHEREAS, California is home to nearly 4,300 high schools  
8 serving more than 2,000,000 students statewide, and since the  
9 launch of preregistration in 2016, nearly 1,500,000 students have  
10 preregistered to vote, resulting in more than 1,300,000 eligible  
11 voters; and

12 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Senate Bill 955 (Chapter 921 of the  
13 Statutes of 2022), students in grades 6 to 12, inclusive, may receive  
14 one excused absence each year to participate in a civic or political  
15 event with prior notice to their school; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
17 Assembly and the Secretary of State, Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.,  
18 encourage all California high schools to participate in High School  
19 Voter Education Weeks, occurring September 14 to 25, 2026; and  
20 be it 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 20, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 106 (Elhawary) – As Introduced April 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** High School Voter Education Weeks.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the weeks of September 14 to 25, 2026, as High School Voter Education Weeks; and, encourages all California high schools to participate in both weeks. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California’s youth play an important role in the democratic process by contributing their voices to the selection of our leaders and expressing their perspectives on significant issues. Individuals meeting eligibility requirements who are 16 and 17 years of age may preregister to vote and automatically become active voters upon reaching 18 years of age.
- 2) California high schools are encouraged to support preregistration and voter registration opportunities by providing access to the state’s online voter registration system or by making physical voter registration cards available to eligible students.
- 3) High school administrators are encouraged to designate student voter outreach coordinators to help promote participation and facilitate civic engagement activities during High School Voter Education Weeks. Students are encouraged to participate in civic life through voter education programs, by serving as election workers, and by motivating eligible peers, family members, and community members to register to vote.
- 4) With the 2026 general election approaching, students are also encouraged to participate in the 2026 California Student Mock Election, a statewide program that provides hands-on experience with the electoral process.
- 5) Pursuant to Senate Bill 955 (Chapter 921 of the Statutes of 2022), students in grades 6 to 12, inclusive, may receive one excused absence each year to participate in a civic or political event with prior notice to their school.
- 6) The Secretary of State is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections by all eligible Californians.

**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**

March 3, 2026

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 138—Relative to Architecture Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 138, as introduced, Ashby. Architecture Week.

This measure would recognize the week of April 12, 2026, to April 18, 2026, inclusive, as Architecture Week in California and commend the architectural professionals whose work shapes the spaces that define our daily lives.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Architecture profoundly influences quality of life,
- 2 shaping the communities where Californians live, work, and gather;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Architects play a vital role in advancing public
- 5 health, safety, and welfare through thoughtful planning, sustainable
- 6 design, and innovation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects California,
- 8 representing more than 11,000 members statewide and part of the
- 9 nearly 100,000-member national American Institute of Architects
- 10 network founded in 1857, is dedicated to advancing architecture
- 11 that creates a safe, sustainable, and inspiring built environment for
- 12 current and future generations; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Architecture Week provides an opportunity to
- 14 celebrate the profession’s contributions to California’s diverse
- 15 communities, inspiring civic pride and a shared vision for a
- 16 resilient, inclusive, and beautiful future; now, therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
2     *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes the  
3     week of April 12, 2026, to April 18, 2026, inclusive, as  
4     Architecture Week in California and commends the architectural  
5     professionals whose work shapes the spaces that define our daily  
6     lives; and be it further  
7     *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
8     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

O

Date of Hearing: April 20, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 138 (Ashby) – As Introduced March 3, 2026

**SENATE VOTE:** 34-0

**SUBJECT:** Architecture Week.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the week of April 12, 2026, to April 18, 2026, inclusive, as Architecture Week in California; and, commends the architectural professionals whose work shapes the spaces that define our daily lives. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Architecture profoundly influences quality of life, shaping the communities where Californians live, work, and gather.
- 2) Architects play a vital role in advancing public health, safety, and welfare through thoughtful planning, sustainable design, and innovation.
- 3) The American Institute of Architects California, representing more than 11,000 members statewide and part of the nearly 100,000-member national American Institute of Architects network founded in 1857, is dedicated to advancing architecture that creates a safe, sustainable, and inspiring built environment for current and future generations.
- 4) Architecture Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the profession’s contributions to California’s diverse communities, inspiring civic pride and a shared vision for a resilient, inclusive, and beautiful future.

**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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April 17, 2026

Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Assembly Rules  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
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Dear Chair Pacheco:

We respectfully request an urgency clause be added to AB 1805, which is a bill that will provide immediate oversight of the state's Next Generation 9-1-1 program and investigate the significant failures in the program which have cut off Californians' access to reliable 9-1-1 service.

The Next Generation 9-1-1 project is a statewide effort to replace our aging analog-era emergency call system with an Internet Protocol (IP) based network capable of handling a more diverse range of communications. While the aims of the project and its end goal are critical to the safety of millions of Californians, this project has been consistently troubled by execution failures, relying on an unproven regional model, inadequate end-to-end testing which has left Californians without 9-1-1 access in trials, and significant vendor performance issues. As a result, much of the work funded by a \$450 million investment has been scrapped, and the timeline for completion has been nearly reset.

We recognize that the continuing failure of this project is an egregious shortcoming in our state's responsibility to safeguard the people of our state. Likewise, we must also recognize the potential for continued problems without swift, significant oversight. To ensure that the Office of Emergency Services and the Next Generation 9-1-1 are adequately planned and prepared to imminently bear the responsibility for the health and safety of Californians utilizing emergency 9-1-1 services, it is essential that this legislation take effect immediately.

If you have any questions or need further background information, please reach out to my Senior Legislative Assistant, Carson Knight, [carson.knight@asm.ca.gov](mailto:carson.knight@asm.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhodesia Ransom". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Assembly Member Rhodesia Ransom  
Assembly District 13