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Monday, May 18, 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: 5/15/2026
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, SB 795 has been added to the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/18/2026

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

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<u>SB 1263</u>	E.M.
<u>SB 1347</u>	ED.
<u>SB 1388</u>	L. GOV.
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<u>SB 1405</u>	JUD.
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<u>SB 1428</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 1431</u>	ELECTIONS
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<u>SCR 148</u>	RLS.
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 185

Introduced by Assembly Members Macedo and Aguiar-Curry

April 27, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 185—Relative to Portuguese Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 185, as introduced, Macedo. Portuguese Heritage Month: Day of Portugal: Day of the Azores.

This measure would declare the month of June 2026 to be Portuguese Heritage Month and would recognize June 10, 2026, as the Day of Portugal and May 25, 2026, as the Day of the Azores.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Portuguese presence in California predates the
2 establishment of California as a state in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, The first Portuguese settlers came to California
4 from the Azores Islands in the early 19th century. Waves of
5 Azorean immigrants moved to California just before and during
6 the 20th century, with the first wave arriving around the turn of
7 the century, followed by the second and largest wave between
8 1958 and 1976, each contributing substantially to establishing
9 agricultural operations, especially dairy, livestock, vegetables,
10 fruit farms, and the tuna industry in southern California; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout much of the 20th century, as many as
12 one-half of all Portuguese Californians owned or operated a dairy
13 farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-related industry.
14 Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and thrift, along with

1 family labor, Portuguese settlers reinvested in their businesses,
2 acquiring land and livestock. Today, Portuguese Americans in
3 California continue to play an important role in agriculture and
4 dairying as proprietors and innovators; and

5 WHEREAS, California has long been a destination for
6 immigrants from the Azores Islands, creating enduring cultural
7 ties. Today, more than 350,000 persons of Portuguese heritage
8 live in California, approximately 90 percent of whom are of
9 Azorean descent; and

10 WHEREAS, In early 1855, the Old Company of Portuguese
11 Whalers, a 15-member enterprise, operated in the city of Monterey,
12 and Portuguese immigrants from the Azores and Madeira held
13 prominent roles in the tuna industry in the city of San Diego; and

14 WHEREAS, Portuguese fraternal organizations have contributed
15 to the financial and cultural stability of the community, including
16 the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America and the
17 Luso-American Fraternal Federation, both headquartered in
18 California; and

19 WHEREAS, Portuguese language instruction across California's
20 educational institutions, including community heritage schools,
21 public schools, community colleges, the California State University
22 system, the University of California, and private colleges, promotes
23 global linguistic competency and awareness of Portuguese
24 contributions. Institutions such as the Portuguese Beyond Borders
25 Institute at California State University, Fresno, further strengthen
26 academic, cultural, and economic ties; and

27 WHEREAS, The California Portuguese American Coalition,
28 established in 2016, fosters civic engagement and public service
29 among Portuguese Americans; and

30 WHEREAS, A strategic plan developed in 2018 promotes
31 Portuguese language and cultural education in California schools,
32 strengthening connections and economic opportunities with
33 Portuguese-speaking nations; and

34 WHEREAS, California maintains a sister-state relationship with
35 the Autonomous Region of the Azores, fostering collaboration in
36 renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, tourism, technology,
37 and cultural exchange; and

38 WHEREAS, Portuguese Americans have made significant
39 contributions to the United States, including composer John Philip
40 Sousa, poet Emma Lazarus, and architect William L. Pereira, and

1 many have served with distinction in public office and in the United
2 States Armed Forces; and

3 WHEREAS, Portuguese Americans have enriched California's
4 cultural landscape, including contributions to the arts and
5 entertainment industry, the most notable of whom are Mary Astor,
6 Katy Perry, Tom Hanks, Joe Perry, Nuno Bettencourt, Steve Perry,
7 and Sara Bareilles; and

8 WHEREAS, Portuguese language media has been part of
9 California's landscape since the 1880s, today utilizing all major
10 areas of technology and incorporating new technologies, such as
11 innovative apps like Diáspora Média Group, Inc. and platforms
12 such as Novidades; and

13 WHEREAS, Institutions such as the Portuguese Historical
14 Museum and Bruma Publications, and other cultural and historical
15 institutions, preserve and document the history and contributions
16 of Portuguese Americans; and

17 WHEREAS, Cultural traditions such as the Portuguese Holy
18 Ghost Festival and other community celebrations remain vital
19 expressions of heritage and identity in California; now, therefore,
20 be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the month
23 of June 2026 to be Portuguese Heritage Month and recognizes
24 June 10, 2026, as the Day of Portugal and May 25, 2026, as the
25 Day of the Azores; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 185 (Macedo) – As Introduced April 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Portuguese Heritage Month: Day of Portugal: Day of the Azores.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of June 2026 to be Portuguese Heritage Month; and, recognizes June 10, 2026, as the Day of Portugal and May 25, 2026, as the Day of the Azores. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first Portuguese settlers came to California from the Azores Islands in the early 19th century. Waves of Azorean immigrants moved to California just before and during the 20th century, with the second and largest wave between 1958 and 1976, each contributing substantially to setting up agricultural operations, especially dairy, livestock, vegetable, fruit farms, and the tuna industry in southern California.
- 2) Throughout most of the 20th century, as many as one-half of all Portuguese Californians owned or operated a dairy farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-related industry. Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and thriftiness, along with additional labor from family members, Portuguese settlers could earn enough to reinvest in their businesses, and buy more land and cattle. Today, Portuguese Americans in California continue to play an important role in agriculture and dairying, as proprietors and innovators.
- 3) California has long been a destination for immigrants from the Azores Islands, creating enduring cultural ties. Today, more than 350,000 persons of Portuguese heritage live in California, approximately 90 percent of whom are of Azorean descent.
- 4) Portuguese fraternal organizations have contributed to the financial and cultural stability of the community, including the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America and the Luso-American Fraternal Federation, both headquartered in California. Institutions such as the Portuguese Beyond Borders Institute at California State University, Fresno, further strengthen academic, cultural, and economic ties.
- 5) The California Portuguese American Coalition, established in 2016, fosters civic engagement and public service among Portuguese Americans. A strategic plan developed in 2018 promotes Portuguese language and cultural education in California schools, strengthening connections and economic opportunities with Portuguese-speaking nations.
- 6) California maintains a sister-state relationship with the Autonomous Region of the Azores, fostering collaboration in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, tourism, technology, and cultural exchange.
- 7) Portuguese Americans have enriched California's cultural landscape, including contributions to the arts and entertainment industry, the most notable of whom are Mary Astor, Katy Perry, Tom Hanks, Joe Perry, Nuno Bettencourt, Steve Perry, and Sara Bareilles.

- 8) Portuguese language media has been part of California's landscape since the 1880s, today utilizing all major areas of technology and incorporating new technologies, such as innovative apps like Diáspora Média Group, Inc. and platforms such as Novidades.
- 9) Institutions such as the Portuguese Historical Museum and Bruma Publications, and other cultural and historical institutions, preserve and document the history and contributions of Portuguese Americans.
- 10) Cultural traditions such as the Portuguese Holy Ghost Festival and other community celebrations remain vital expressions of heritage and identity in California.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 191

Introduced by Assembly Member Stefani

April 30, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 191—Relative to National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 191, as introduced, Stefani. National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

This measure would declare June 5, 2026, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Every day, 130 people in the United States are
2 killed by gun violence, and more than 260 are shot and wounded,
3 with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides every year;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, People in the United States are 26 times more likely
6 to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, California has 3,314 gun deaths every year, with
9 a rate of 8.2 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the state
10 41,900,000,000 each year, of which 1,100,000,000 is paid by
11 taxpayers. California has the 45th highest rate of gun deaths in the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in the communities they
14 serve is among a state lawmaker’s highest responsibilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment to the United
2 States Constitution rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand
3 with keeping guns away from those who are a danger to themselves
4 or others; and

5 WHEREAS, Gun violence prevention is more important than
6 ever as we see gun violence continue to impact communities across
7 the country and;

8 WHEREAS, In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically
9 shot and killed at 15 years of age; and on June 5, 2026, to recognize
10 the 29th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, born on June 2, 1997,
11 people across the United States will recognize National Gun
12 Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya
13 Pendleton and other victims of gun violence, and to the loved ones
14 of those victims; and

15 WHEREAS, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's
16 friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by
17 wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange
18 to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods,
19 and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

20 WHEREAS, Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to
21 wear orange on June 5, the first Friday in June 2026, to help raise
22 awareness about gun violence; and

23 WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 5, 2026, people across
24 the United States will raise awareness about gun violence and
25 honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

26 WHEREAS, We renew our commitment to reduce gun violence
27 and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of
28 people who should not have access to them and encourage
29 responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and
30 communities safe; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring,* That the State of California declares the first
33 Friday in June, June 5, 2026, to be National Gun Violence
34 Awareness Day. We encourage all citizens to support their
35 communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence
36 and to honor and value human life; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 191 (Stefani) – As Introduced April 30, 2026

SUBJECT: National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Declares June 5, 2026, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and, encourages all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Every day, 130 people in the United States are killed by gun violence, and more than 260 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides every year. People in the United States are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries.
- 2) California has 3,314 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 8.2 deaths per 100,000 people. California has the 45th highest rate of gun deaths in the United States.
- 3) Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is among a state lawmaker's highest responsibilities.
- 4) Support for the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from those who are a danger to themselves or others.
- 5) Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see gun violence continue to impact communities across the country.
- 6) By wearing orange on June 5, 2026, people across the United States will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors.
- 7) We renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

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. 197

Introduced by Assembly Member Stefani

May 4, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 197—Relative to Italian American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 197, as introduced, Stefani. Italian American Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2026 as Italian American Heritage Month, and, among other things, encourage all citizens, schools, public institutions, and community organizations in California to observe Italian American Heritage Month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and educational programs, as specified.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of California is home to one of the largest
2 populations of Italian Americans in the United States, and their
3 enduring legacy has significantly shaped the cultural, economic,
4 and social fabric of our great state; and
5 WHEREAS, Italian immigrants began arriving in California in
6 significant numbers around the time of California’s official
7 statehood in the mid-19th century, many of whom played vital
8 roles in the development of the state’s agricultural, fishing,
9 winemaking, and construction industries, laying the foundations
10 for California’s prosperity and global economic significance; and
11 WHEREAS, Italian American farmers helped transform
12 California into one of the most productive agricultural regions in
13 the world, introducing time-honored cultivation practices,

1 establishing family-run farms and vineyards, and promoting
2 sustainable land stewardship; and

3 WHEREAS, In the City of Los Angeles, Italian Americans have
4 been instrumental in shaping the region's cultural and economic
5 identity, from founding early agricultural cooperatives and
6 contributing to the growth of the wine and produce industries, to
7 enriching the city's arts, architecture, and civic life; and

8 WHEREAS, In the San Francisco Bay area, Italian Americans
9 have played a defining role in the region's history and development
10 by establishing strong fishing and maritime communities in North
11 Beach and along the coast, founding businesses and restaurants
12 that became cultural landmarks, and contributing to labor
13 movements, civic leadership, and the preservation of public arts
14 and spaces; and

15 WHEREAS, The Italian American fishing communities,
16 particularly in the City and County of San Francisco, the City of
17 Monterey, and the neighborhood of San Pedro in the City of Los
18 Angeles, helped establish thriving ports and seafood industries
19 that not only fed California, but contributed significantly to the
20 state's maritime economy; and

21 WHEREAS, Italian Americans have contributed to California's
22 built environment, including bridges, highways, and historic
23 landmarks, through generations of craftsmanship in masonry,
24 carpentry, and engineering; and

25 WHEREAS, The contributions of Italian Americans extend far
26 beyond labor and industry, and notable Italian American
27 Californians have made distinguished contributions in public
28 service, science, business, banking, law, medicine, and sports; and

29 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for all Californians to
30 recognize and honor the achievements and contributions of Italian
31 Americans and their vital role in the development and prosperity
32 of our state; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
35 month of October 2026 as Italian American Heritage Month
36 throughout the State of California and honors all Italians and Italian
37 Americans for their commitment to California's growth and
38 vibrancy; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Legislature will continue to honor Italians'
40 and Italian Americans' passion for hard work, love and dedication

1 to family and loved ones, and the cherished opportunity to live
2 life; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all citizens, schools,
4 public institutions, and community organizations in California to
5 observe Italian American Heritage Month with appropriate
6 ceremonies, activities, and educational programs that celebrate
7 and preserve the rich legacy of Italian American heritage; and be
8 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 197 (Stefani) – As Introduced May 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Italian American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of October 2026 as Italian American Heritage Month throughout the State of California; and, honors all Italians and Italian Americans for their commitment to California’s growth and vibrancy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The State of California is home to one of the largest populations of Italian Americans in the United States, and their enduring legacy has significantly shaped the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our great state.
- 2) Italian immigrants began arriving in California in significant numbers around the time of California’s official statehood in the mid-19th century, many of whom played vital roles in the development of the state’s agricultural, fishing, winemaking, and construction industries, laying the foundations for California’s prosperity and global economic significance.
- 3) Italian American farmers helped transform California into one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world, introducing time-honored cultivation practices, establishing family-run farms and vineyards, and promoting sustainable land stewardship.
- 4) Italian Americans have contributed to California’s built environment, including bridges, highways, and historic landmarks, through generations of craftsmanship in masonry, carpentry, and engineering.
- 5) The contributions of Italian Americans extend far beyond labor and industry, and notable Italian American Californians have made distinguished contributions in public service, science, business, banking, law, medicine, and sports.
- 6) It is fitting and proper for all Californians to recognize and honor the achievements and contributions of Italian Americans and their vital role in the development and prosperity of our state.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 200

Introduced by Assembly Member Alanis

May 6, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 200—Relative to Missing Children’s Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 200, as introduced, Alanis. Missing Children’s Day.

This measure would declare May 25, 2026, as Missing Children’s Day in the State of California, recognize the efforts of families, law enforcement, and organizations that work to bring missing children home, and proclaim that every child deserves a safe childhood.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, May 25th has been nationally recognized as
2 National Missing Children’s Day since 1983 and internationally
3 recognized as International Missing Children’s Day since 2001;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, National Missing Children’s Day was established
6 in honor of Etan Patz, a six-year-old boy who disappeared on his
7 way to school in New York City in 1979, whose case became a
8 symbol of the movement to protect missing children in the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Center for Missing and Exploited
11 Children (NCMEC) was established by John and Revé Walsh after
12 the abduction and murder of their six-year-old son Adam when
13 they channeled their painful experience of losing Adam to create
14 NCMEC in 1984; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, the NCMEC operates 16 congressionally
2 designated programs to find missing children, reduce child sexual
3 exploitation, and prevent child victimization; and
4 WHEREAS, In 2025, the NCMEC received over 130,000 calls
5 related to missing and exploited children through its national
6 toll-free hotline 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678); and
7 WHEREAS, In 2025, the NCMEC received more than 32,000
8 reports of missing children, including 1,842 reports of missing
9 children from California; and
10 WHEREAS, The NCMEC manages the America’s Missing:
11 Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert Secondary
12 Distribution Program and, as of December 2025, more than 1,300
13 children have been recovered as a result of AMBER Alert
14 activations; and
15 WHEREAS, The NCMEC supports the resolution of long-term
16 missing children’s cases by creating age progression images and
17 facial and skull reconstructions, assisting in biometric collection
18 and analysis, and engaging the public to identify unknown deceased
19 children through the Help ID Me initiative; now, therefore, be it
20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares May 25,
22 2026, as Missing Children’s Day in the State of California,
23 recognizes the efforts of families, law enforcement, and
24 organizations, such as the NCMEC, that work to bring missing
25 children home, and proclaims that every child deserves a safe
26 childhood; and be it further
27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 200 (Alanis) – As Introduced May 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Missing Children’s Day.

SUMMARY: Declares May 25, 2026, as Missing Children’s Day in the State of California; and, recognizes the efforts of families, law enforcement, and organizations that work to bring missing children home. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) May 25th has been nationally recognized as National Missing Children’s Day since 1983 and internationally recognized as International Missing Children’s Day since 2001.
- 2) National Missing Children’s Day was established in honor of Etan Patz, a six-year-old boy who disappeared on his way to school in New York City in 1979, whose case became a symbol of the movement to protect missing children in the United States.
- 3) The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was established by John and Revé Walsh after the abduction and murder of their six-year-old son Adam when they channeled their painful experience of losing Adam to create NCMEC in 1984.
- 4) Today, the NCMEC operates 16 congressionally designated programs to find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization. In 2025, the NCMEC received over 130,000 calls related to missing and exploited children through its national toll-free hotline.
- 5) In 2025, the NCMEC received more than 32,000 reports of missing children, including 1,842 reports of missing children from California.
- 6) The NCMEC manages the America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert Secondary Distribution Program and, as of December 2025, more than 1,300 children have been recovered as a result of AMBER Alert activations.

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. 202

Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia

May 11, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 202—Relative to 529 College Savings Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 202, as introduced, Garcia. 529 College Savings Day.

This measure would proclaim May 29, 2026, as 529 College Savings Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For California families that want to save for their
2 children’s college education, 529 college savings plans are
3 important tools, offering a diverse range of investment options,
4 tax-deferred growth, and withdrawals free of state and federal
5 taxes when those withdrawals are used for qualified higher
6 education expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, computer
7 equipment, certain room and board costs, and required supplies;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, While the first college savings plans were
10 developed by states in 1988 as innovative programs designed to
11 help families and students save for higher education expenses, it
12 was not until the enactment of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue
13 Code by Congress in 1996 that college savings plans began to
14 rapidly gain popularity across the country; and

15 WHEREAS, This year, 2026, represents 30 years of 529 plans,
16 49 states and the District of Columbia offer 529 college savings

1 plans, over 17,700,000 529 college savings accounts have been
2 opened, and more than \$603,000,000,000 have been saved for
3 future higher education expenses; and

4 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan, which
5 has served as California’s official state-sponsored 529 college
6 savings plan for more than 26 years since its launch in 1999, has
7 grown to more than \$17,300,000,000 in total plan assets held in
8 over 487,145 ScholarShare 529 accounts; and

9 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan has
10 helped students meet their higher education goals with more than
11 \$1,100,000,000 withdrawn in 2025 alone for qualified higher
12 education expenses and funds distributed directly to over 1,100
13 colleges and universities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Legislature originally enacted in 2019 the
15 California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program,
16 also known as CalKIDS, the nation’s largest child development
17 account program, with the intent of supporting more families across
18 the state in beginning to save through 529 college savings plans
19 after the program’s formal launch in 2022; and

20 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan has
21 experienced significant growth, with record numbers in 2025 in
22 new accounts opened and new contributions, and in total assets
23 under management over the last few years, demonstrating a strong
24 connection with the original vision of CalKIDS; and

25 WHEREAS, Since the launch of CalKIDS, the ScholarShare
26 529 College Savings Plan has expanded college savings across
27 California, helping lower income families learn about the power
28 of 529 college savings plans; and

29 WHEREAS, Nationally, from 1995–96 to 2025–26, inclusive,
30 average published tuition and fees increased from \$5,940 to
31 \$11,950 at public four-year colleges and universities, and from
32 \$25,820 to \$45,000 at private nonprofit four-year colleges and
33 universities; and

34 WHEREAS, Federal financial aid awards have shifted away
35 from student grants to providing access to guaranteed student loans
36 so that, today, nearly 60 percent of all federal financial aid is in
37 the form of loans, substantially increasing the number of college
38 graduates who will face the burden of repaying significant student
39 loan debt upon entering the workforce; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New
2 York, student loan debt has reached \$1,841,700,000,000 nationally,
3 up from \$620,000,000,000 in 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, When Americans are burdened with student loan
5 debt, they are not able to buy homes, cars, and other products that
6 boost our economy; and

7 WHEREAS, College savings plans, such as the ScholarShare
8 529 College Savings Plan, help families to limit or eliminate future
9 student loan debt by helping them save for future higher education
10 expenses and allow for savings through college savings plans to
11 be used to pay student loans; and

12 WHEREAS, Over time, the federal government has taken
13 positive steps to expand eligible uses for college savings plans,
14 including to pay for expenses associated with eligible
15 postsecondary credentialing programs and apprenticeships
16 programs, recognizing the value of saving beyond traditional
17 college; and

18 WHEREAS, The contributions families make today pay off in
19 the form of an increased earning potential for their children in the
20 future, with a college graduate earning 59 percent more than a high
21 school graduate according to the National Center for Education
22 Statistics; and

23 WHEREAS, May 29 is recognized nationally as 529 College
24 Savings Day to help raise awareness across the country of the
25 importance of saving for college with the help of 529 college
26 savings plans; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims May
29 29, 2026, as 529 College Savings Day; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 202 (Garcia) – As Introduced May 11, 2026

SUBJECT: 529 College Savings Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims May 29, 2026, as 529 College Savings Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) For California families that want to save for their children’s college education, 529 college savings plans are important tools, offering a diverse range of investment options, tax-deferred growth, and withdrawals free of state and federal taxes when those withdrawals are used for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, computer equipment, certain room and board costs, and required supplies.
- 2) While the first college savings plans were developed by states in 1988 as innovative programs designed to help families and students save for higher education expenses, it was not until the enactment of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code by Congress in 1996 that college savings plans began to rapidly gain popularity across the country.
- 3) This year, 2026, represents 30 years of 529 plans. 49 states and the District of Columbia offer 529 college savings plans; and, over 17.7 million 529 college savings accounts have been opened, and more than \$603 billion have been saved for future higher education expenses.
- 4) The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan, which has served as California’s official state-sponsored 529 college savings plan for more than 26 years since its launch in 1999, has grown to more than \$17.3 billion in total plan assets held in over 487,145 ScholarShare 529 accounts.
- 5) Federal financial aid awards have shifted away from student grants to providing access to guaranteed student loans so that, today, nearly 60 percent of all federal financial aid is in the form of loans, substantially increasing the number of college graduates who will face the burden of repaying significant student loan debt upon entering the workforce.
- 6) College savings plans, such as the ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan, help families to limit or eliminate future student loan debt by helping them save for future higher education expenses and allow for savings through college savings plans to be used to pay student loans.
- 7) Over time, the federal government has taken positive steps to expand eligible uses for college savings plans, including to pay for expenses associated with eligible postsecondary credentialing programs and apprenticeships programs, recognizing the value of saving beyond traditional college.
- 8) May 29 is recognized nationally as 529 College Savings Day to raise awareness across the country of the importance of saving for college with the help of 529 college savings plans.

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. 203

Introduced by Assembly Member Hoover

May 11, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 203—Relative to Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 203, as introduced, Hoover. Lyme Disease Awareness Month. This measure would proclaim the month of May 2026 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is an often misunderstood illness
2 that can cause serious health problems if it is not caught early and
3 properly treated; and
4 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the
5 spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is primarily transmitted by the
6 bite of an infected tick. The disease was first identified in North
7 America in the 1970s in Lyme, Connecticut, for which it was
8 named, and since that time, the disease has been found in all 50
9 states in the United States. The reach of Lyme disease is global,
10 having been reported in more than 60 countries on six continents
11 and several islands; and
12 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a complex, multisystem illness.
13 Early signs of infection may include rash and flu-like symptoms,
14 including fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. Usually,
15 the disease responds well to prompt treatment with appropriate
16 antibiotics. If untreated or inadequately treated, however, Lyme

1 disease can invade multiple organs of the body, including the brain
2 and nervous system. In those instances, patients can become
3 increasingly disabled over time, suffering crippling muscle and
4 joint pain, neurological impairment, psychological disorders, and
5 a host of other symptoms that can lead to financial hardship, job
6 loss, and increased numbers of people on disability; and

7 WHEREAS, Since there is no reliable form of testing that can
8 accurately pinpoint Lyme disease, getting a proper diagnosis and
9 prompt treatment is often extremely difficult; and

10 WHEREAS, Patients with Lyme disease are frequently
11 misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia,
12 multiple sclerosis, and various psychiatric illnesses, including
13 depression. Misdiagnosis of these other diseases often delays the
14 correct diagnosis and treatment, while the underlying infection
15 progresses; and

16 WHEREAS, Lyme disease affects people of all ages, and is
17 most common in children and older adults and in people who spend
18 time outdoors in wooded, grassy areas, including park rangers and
19 firefighters; and

20 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
21 Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics, approximately 476,000
22 people could be diagnosed with and treated for Lyme disease each
23 year. This total is about two times the number of women diagnosed
24 with breast cancer and almost 15 times the number of new
25 HIV/AIDS cases per year. Up to 40 percent of Lyme disease cases
26 result in long-term health problems, suggesting approximately
27 190,400 patients annually; and

28 WHEREAS, Ticks have four life stages: egg, larval, nymphal,
29 and adult. Both nymphs and adults can transmit diseases to humans.
30 Ticks attach themselves to host animals, such as deer, rodents, and
31 birds, and as the host animals migrate to new areas, so do the ticks.
32 Most people who contract Lyme disease get it from the bite of a
33 nymphal tick, and because nymphs are as small as poppy seeds
34 and their bite is painless, many people do not notice or remove
35 them. The longer a tick is attached to the body, the more likely it
36 will transmit whatever diseases it carries; and

37 WHEREAS, In California, the Lyme disease bacterium is
38 transmitted by the western blacklegged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*).
39 Ticks are active year round, especially when it is wet. Thus, this
40 tick is most common in the coastal regions and along the western

1 slope of the Sierra Nevada range, but has been found in 56 of
2 California's 58 counties; and

3 WHEREAS, In some areas of California, Lyme disease infection
4 rates of nymphal ticks have been found to be as high as 42 percent.
5 Thus, the infection rate in certain regions of California is among
6 the highest in the entire United States. However, since some areas
7 of the state have not been tested for tick infection, the true scope
8 of the problem is not known; and

9 WHEREAS, Although Lyme disease is the most common
10 vectorborne infection in the United States, the ticks that spread
11 Lyme disease can also spread other diseases at the same time.
12 Among these coinfections are diseases such as babesiosis,
13 anaplasmosis, and ehrlichiosis. The presence of coinfections can
14 complicate the treatment of Lyme disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Recently, three new borrelia species belonging to
16 the Lyme disease spirochetal complex have been described,
17 increasing the number of these bacteria known to occur in
18 California to five, making California the focus of more distinct
19 borrelia species than any other geographical region in the United
20 States; and

21 WHEREAS, The Legislature finds that Lyme disease presents
22 a health threat to Californians; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
25 month of May 2026 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month; and be
26 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 203 (Hoover) – As Introduced May 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2025 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is primarily transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. The disease was first identified in North America in the 1970s in Lyme, Connecticut, for which it was named. Since that time, the disease has been found in all 50 states in the United States. The reach of Lyme disease is global, having been reported in more than 60 countries on six continents and several islands.
- 2) Lyme disease is an often misunderstood illness that can cause serious health problems if it is not caught early and properly treated.
- 3) Early signs of infection may include rash and flu-like symptoms, including fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. Usually, the disease responds well to prompt treatment with appropriate antibiotics. If untreated or inadequately treated, however, Lyme disease can invade multiple organs of the body, including the brain and the rest of the nervous system. In those instances, patients can become increasingly disabled over time, suffering crippling muscle and joint pain, neurological impairment, psychological disorders, and a host of other symptoms that can lead to financial hardship, job loss, and increased numbers of people on disability.
- 4) Since there is no reliable form of testing that can accurately pinpoint Lyme disease, getting a proper diagnosis and prompt treatment is often extremely difficult. Patients with Lyme disease are frequently misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis, and various psychiatric illnesses, including depression. Misdiagnosis of these other diseases often delays the correct diagnosis and treatment, while the underlying infection progresses.
- 5) Lyme disease affects people of all ages but is most common in children and older adults, and in people who spend time outdoors in wooded, grassy areas, including park rangers and firefighters.
- 6) In California, the Lyme disease bacterium is transmitted by the western blacklegged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*). Ticks are active year-round, especially when it is wet. Thus, this tick is most common in the coastal regions and along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada range, but has been found in 56 of California's 58 counties.
- 7) In some areas of California, Lyme disease infection rates of nymphal ticks have been found to be as high as 42 percent. Thus, the infection rate in certain regions of California is among the highest in the entire United States. However, because some areas of the state have not been tested for tick infection, the true scope of the problem is not known.

- 8) Recently, three new *Borrelia* species belonging to the Lyme disease spirochetal complex have been described, thus increasing the number of these bacteria known to occur in California to five, making California the locus of more distinct *Borrelia* species than any other geographical region in the United States.

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. 205

Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey
(Principal coauthor: Senator Grove)

May 13, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 205—Relative to Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 205, as introduced, Lackey. Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month.

This measure would declare the month of June 2026 as Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) is a common
2 virus that infects people of all ages and is the most common
3 infectious cause of birth defects in the United States, affecting
4 approximately 1 in 200 infants; and
5 WHEREAS, Approximately 1 in 5 children born with cCMV
6 will experience permanent health problems, including hearing loss,
7 vision impairment, developmental and motor delays, and other
8 serious medical conditions; and
9 WHEREAS, cCMV is a leading nongenetic cause of childhood
10 hearing loss; and
11 WHEREAS, Despite its prevalence and potential severity,
12 awareness of cCMV among pregnant individuals and the general
13 public remains low; and

1 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness and education about
2 cCMV, including preventative hygiene practices during pregnancy,
3 have the potential to reduce transmission and improve maternal
4 and child health outcomes; and

5 WHEREAS, Early detection and timely intervention can
6 significantly improve outcomes for infants born with cCMV; and

7 WHEREAS, Families affected by cCMV often face complex
8 medical, emotional, and caregiving challenges and benefit from
9 increased awareness, support, and access to resources; and

10 WHEREAS, Advocacy organizations, including the National
11 CMV Foundation, along with dedicated California-based advocates
12 and community leaders, are working to increase awareness, support
13 affected families, and advance research efforts related to cCMV;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the importance
16 of collaborative efforts among health care providers, advocacy
17 organizations, and community leaders to improve awareness,
18 prevention, and outcomes related to cCMV; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
21 June 2026 as Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month in
22 the State of California; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature honors the ongoing efforts of
24 national and California-based organizations, advocates, and
25 families working to raise awareness of cCMV and support those
26 impacted by this condition; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That all Californians are encouraged to become
28 informed about cCMV, including methods of prevention,
29 transmission risks, and the importance of early detection; and be
30 it further

31 *Resolved*, That health care providers, public health agencies,
32 and community organizations are encouraged to promote education
33 and awareness of cCMV to improve maternal and child health
34 outcomes across California; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
36 of this resolution to appropriate state and local health agencies,
37 interested organizations, and the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 205 (Lackey) – As Introduced May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of June 2026 as Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month in the State of California; and, honors the ongoing efforts of national and California-based organizations, advocates, and families working to raise awareness of the virus and support those impacted by this condition. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) is a common virus that infects people of all ages and is the most common infectious cause of birth defects in the United States, affecting approximately 1 in 200 infants.
- 2) Approximately 1 in 5 children born with cCMV will experience permanent health problems, including hearing loss, vision impairment, developmental and motor delays, and other serious medical conditions. cCMV is a leading nongenetic cause of childhood hearing loss.
- 3) Despite its prevalence and potential severity, awareness of cCMV among pregnant individuals and the general public remains low.
- 4) Increased public awareness and education about cCMV, including preventative hygiene practices during pregnancy, have the potential to reduce transmission and improve maternal and child health outcomes.
- 5) Families affected by cCMV often face complex medical, emotional, and caregiving challenges and benefit from increased awareness, support, and access to resources.
- 6) The State of California recognizes the importance of collaborative efforts among health care providers, advocacy organizations, and community leaders to improve awareness, prevention, and outcomes related to cCMV.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 12, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 84

Introduced by Senator Blakespear

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cortese, Gonzalez, ~~Jones~~, Grayson, Laird, Limón, McNerney, *Menjivar*, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, ~~Valladares~~, Wahab, Weber Pierson, and Wiener)

May 19, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to California Rail Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 84, as amended, Blakespear. California Rail Month.

This measure would recognize May ~~2025~~ 2026 as California Rail Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is home to millions of residents and has
2 a world-leading economy, highlighting the need for a seamless
3 network of connected transportation systems that are resilient,
4 accessible, and high quality; and

5 WHEREAS, Rail transportation is a central component of the
6 state's mobility needs and facilitates a travel option that reduces
7 emissions, avoids traffic, and improves the quality of life in the
8 regions it serves; and

9 WHEREAS, Since California ~~become~~ *became* the 31st state in
10 1850, rail has been historically important in connecting
11 communities to the rest of the nation and growing economic

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1 opportunity, making rail services a vital public infrastructure that
2 is intrinsically linked to many of the state’s most important goals
3 and celebrated successes; and

4 WHEREAS, California was originally connected to the
5 transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869; and

6 WHEREAS, The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency, the San
7 Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and the Capitol Corridor Joint
8 Powers Authority are responsible for operating state-supported
9 intercity rail services: the Pacific Surfliner, the Capitol Corridor,
10 and San Joaquins; and

11 WHEREAS, There are five local agencies responsible for
12 operating regional rail services: the Southern California Regional
13 Rail Authority operating Metrolink, the Peninsula Corridor Joint
14 Powers Board operating Caltrain, the San Joaquin Regional Rail
15 Commission operating the Altamont Corridor Express, the North
16 County Transit District operating COASTER, and the
17 Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District operating Sonoma-Marín
18 Area Rail Transit; and

19 WHEREAS, Collectively, these agencies move millions of
20 Californians every year on a sustainable travel mode that reduces
21 emissions and connects communities to opportunities every day;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The California State Rail Plan establishes a
24 long-term vision for passenger and freight rail services across the
25 state, recognizing the urgency of developing a rail network by
26 2050 that is zero emission, provides reliable and frequent service,
27 and is interconnected as part of a multimodal transportation
28 ecosystem; and

29 WHEREAS, The California State Rail Plan has set a goal of
30 providing nearly 200,000,000 daily passenger-miles on a statewide
31 rail network by 2050; and

32 WHEREAS, The California State Rail Plan has identified
33 \$65,000,000,000 in federal, state, local, and private investment to
34 be completed in the state over the next 10 years, and has a vision
35 for a total investment of \$307,000,000,000 by 2050 which will
36 create an economic return of over \$537,000,000,000 for the state;
37 ~~and be it further~~

38 WHEREAS, The state plans to have approximately 1,500 miles
39 of rail electrified by 2050 and 440 miles of rail constructed over
40 the next 10 years; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring, That May—2025 2026* be recognized as
3 California Rail Month in recognition of the invaluable contributions
4 that rail has made to the state; and *be it further*

5 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
6 this resolution to the Transportation Agency, the Department of
7 Transportation, the California Transit Association, and the author
8 for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 84 (Blakespear) – As Amended March 12, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 32-0

SUBJECT: California Rail Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 2026 as California Rail Month in recognition of the invaluable contributions that rail has made to the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to millions of residents and has a world-leading economy, highlighting the need for a seamless network of connected transportation systems that are resilient, accessible, and high quality.
- 2) Rail transportation is a central component of the state’s mobility needs and facilitates a travel option that reduces emissions, avoids traffic, and improves the quality of life in the regions it serves.
- 3) Since California became the 31st state in 1850, rail has been historically important in connecting communities to the rest of the nation and growing economic opportunity, making rail services a vital public infrastructure that is intrinsically linked to many of the state’s most important goals and celebrated successes.
- 4) The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency, the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority are responsible for operating state-supported intercity rail services: the Pacific Surfliner, the Capitol Corridor, and San Joaquins.
- 5) There are five local agencies responsible for operating regional rail services: the Southern California Regional Rail Authority operating Metrolink, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board operating Caltrain, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission operating the Altamont Corridor Express, the North County Transit District operating COASTER, and the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District operating Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit.
- 6) The California State Rail Plan establishes a long-term vision for passenger and freight rail services across the state, recognizing the urgency of developing a rail network by 2050 that is zero emission, provides reliable and frequent service, and is interconnected as part of a multimodal transportation ecosystem.
- 7) The California State Rail Plan has set a goal of providing nearly 200 million daily passenger-miles on a statewide rail network by 2050.
- 8) The state plans to have approximately 1,500 miles of rail electrified by 2050 and 440 miles of rail constructed over the next 10 years.

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 Seyarto
(Coauthor: Senator Ochoa Bogh)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Lackey)

March 10, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 144—Relative to Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 144, as introduced, Seyarto. Crime Victims’ Rights Week.
This measure would recognize April 19, 2026, to April 25, 2026, inclusive, as Crime Victims’ Rights Week.
Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Violent crime continues to exist in California, and
- 2 crime in one part of the state, or crime against one person, affects
- 3 our entire sense of well-being; and
- 4 WHEREAS, All Californians are affected by crime, not just the
- 5 victims of violent crime; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The most effective aid that can be provided to
- 7 victims of crime is to prevent crime from happening in the first
- 8 place; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Since 1981, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week
- 10 has raised awareness of the special needs of crime victims; and
- 11 WHEREAS, This year, the theme for this week is “Listen. Act.
- 12 Advocate. Protect Victims, Serve Communities.” which asks
- 13 friends, family members, neighbors, colleagues, community
- 14 leaders, victim service providers, criminal justice practitioners,
- 15 and health professionals how we can help crime victims; and

1 WHEREAS, This year’s theme of “Listen. Act. Advocate.
2 Protect Victims, Serve Communities.” is a call-to-action to
3 recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of
4 supporting all survivors and victims of crime; and
5 WHEREAS, The respect for, and protection of, victims’ rights
6 within the legal process is one of the most critical components of
7 an effective criminal justice system; and
8 WHEREAS, Victims and witnesses of crime require special
9 attention to ensure that they are thoroughly informed about, and
10 effectively participate in, the criminal justice system; and
11 WHEREAS, To the maximum extent allowed by law, victims
12 of violent crime should receive compensation for their losses; and
13 WHEREAS, Each day, thousands of victims and witnesses
14 receive assistance from victim support organizations,
15 victim-witness assistance centers, private service providers, and
16 state and local governments; and
17 WHEREAS, The criminal justice system in this state must persist
18 in its effort to better coordinate and improve the quality of services
19 provided to victims and witnesses; and
20 WHEREAS, California has been an innovator in the victims’
21 rights movement with the establishment of the first shelters for
22 battered women in the nation created by Women’s Advocates and
23 Haven House in Pasadena in 1964, the first crime victim
24 compensation program in the nation in 1965, and the founding of
25 Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 1980 with the establishment
26 of a chapter in Sacramento; and
27 WHEREAS, California citizens enshrined victims’ rights in the
28 California Constitution in 1982 through the passage of Proposition
29 8, the Victims’ Bill of Rights; and
30 WHEREAS, California citizens reaffirmed and afforded
31 additional rights to victims in the California Constitution and in
32 California law in 2008 through the passage of Proposition 9, the
33 Victims’ Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy’s Law; and
34 WHEREAS, California citizens reaffirmed their commitment
35 to public safety and accountability for victims of crime in 2024
36 through the passage of Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug
37 Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, which mandated increased
38 penalties for repeat retail theft and provided a framework for
39 treatment-mandated felony programs to address the fentanyl crisis;
40 and

1 WHEREAS, Each year, the observance of National Crime
2 Victims' Rights Week focuses on the problems confronting victims
3 of crime and the services available to support these victims; and

4 WHEREAS, The remembrances observed during National Crime
5 Victims' Rights Week promote awareness of victims' issues and
6 acknowledge the combined efforts of citizens, the government,
7 and the criminal justice system to improve victims' services in
8 California; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
11 week of April 19, 2026, to April 25, 2026, inclusive, as Crime
12 Victims' Rights Week in California; 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: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 144 (Seyarto) – As Introduced March 10, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Crime Victims' Rights Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of April 19, 2026, to April 25, 2026, inclusive, as Crime Victims' Rights Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Violent crime continues to exist in California, and crime in one part of the state, or crime against one person, affects our entire sense of well-being. All Californians are affected by crime, not just the victims of violent crime.
- 2) The most effective aid that can be provided to victims of crime is to prevent crime from happening in the first place.
- 3) Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has raised awareness of the special needs of crime victims.
- 4) This year's theme of "Listen. Act. Advocate. Protect Victims, Serve Communities." is a call-to-action to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime.
- 5) Victims and witnesses of crime require special attention to ensure that they are thoroughly informed about, and effectively participate in, the criminal justice system.
- 6) The criminal justice system in this state must persist in its effort to better coordinate and improve the quality of services provided to victims and witnesses.
- 7) California citizens enshrined victims' rights in the California Constitution in 1982 through the passage of Proposition 8, the Victims' Bill of Rights.
- 8) Each year, the observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week focuses on the problems confronting victims of crime and the services available to support these victims.
- 9) The remembrances observed during National Crime Victims' Rights Week promote awareness of victims' issues and acknowledge the combined efforts of citizens, the government, and the criminal justice system to improve victims' services in California.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Laird

March 16, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 146—Relative to Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 146, as introduced, Laird. Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.
This measure would proclaim the month of May 2026 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis, a chronic and progressive systemic
- 2 disease for which there is no known cure, is the most common
- 3 fatal genetic disease in the United States; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Over 40,000 children and adults in the United
- 5 States have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, and more than
- 6 1,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, predominantly through
- 7 newborn screening; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis impacts individuals of every race
- 9 and ethnicity, but due to health disparities and newborn screening
- 10 panels that fail to capture rare cystic fibrosis transmembrane
- 11 conductance regulator mutations, many individuals with cystic
- 12 fibrosis are misdiagnosed or diagnosed late; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Due to new therapeutic advances, 50 percent of
- 14 children diagnosed with cystic fibrosis after 2020 are predicted to
- 15 survive to 65 years of age; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Despite advances in disease understanding and
- 17 new therapies, the median age of death for those with cystic fibrosis
- 18 remains under 40 years of age; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms of
6 cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who have the disease
7 and a nationwide network of care centers exists to improve the
8 length and quality of life for individuals with cystic fibrosis; and

9 WHEREAS, Recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have
10 produced promising leads in gene, messenger ribonucleic acid
11 (mRNA), and drug therapies beneficial to people who have the
12 disease; and

13 WHEREAS, The Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute (CFRI) was
14 formed 51 years ago in 1975 by a group of parents whose children
15 with cystic fibrosis were not expected to survive their teen years;
16 and

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

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

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

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

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims the month of
37 May 2026 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; and be it further

38 *Resolved,* That the Legislature honors the goals and ideals of
39 Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month so as to promote public

1 awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis and the diverse
2 communities it impacts; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages early diagnosis and
4 access to quality care for all people with cystic fibrosis to improve
5 the quality of their lives, advocates for increased support for people
6 who have cystic fibrosis and their families, and supports research
7 to find a cure for cystic fibrosis; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 146 (Laird) – As Introduced March 16, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2026 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; and, honors the goals and ideals of Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month so as to promote public awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis and the diverse communities it impacts. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cystic fibrosis, a chronic and progressive systemic disease for which there is no known cure, is the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States.
- 2) Over 40,000 children and adults in the United States have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, and more than 1,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, predominantly through newborn screening.
- 3) Cystic fibrosis impacts individuals of every race and ethnicity, but due to health disparities and newborn screening panels that fail to capture rare cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator mutations, many individuals with cystic fibrosis are misdiagnosed or diagnosed late.
- 4) Despite advances in disease understanding and new therapies, the median age of death for those with cystic fibrosis remains under 40 years of age.
- 5) Prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms of cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who have the disease and a nationwide network of care centers exists to improve the length and quality of life for individuals with cystic fibrosis.
- 6) Recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have produced promising leads in gene, messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), and drug therapies beneficial to people who have the disease.
- 7) The Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute (CFRI) was formed 51 years ago in 1975 by a group of parents whose children with cystic fibrosis were not expected to survive their teen years. CFRI seeks to improve the quality of life for all people with cystic fibrosis in California and the nation, as well as their family members, by providing educational and psychosocial support programs.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Padilla
(Coauthors: Senators Becker, Blakespear, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto,
and Umberg)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alanis, Boerner, and Zbur)

March 19, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 148—Relative to GM1
Gangliosidosis Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 148, as introduced, Padilla. GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness
Day.

This measure would declare May 23, 2026, as GM1 Gangliosidosis
Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

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

1 counseling, and, when available, treatment and therapeutic
2 remedies; and

3 WHEREAS, The goal is to raise awareness and increase the
4 accurate and timely diagnosis of this rare inherited lysosomal
5 disorder known as GM1 Gangliosidosis; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 23, 2026,
8 as GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day in California; and be it
9 further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 148 (Padilla) – As Introduced March 19, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Declares May 23, 2026, as GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

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

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

**Introduced by Senator Umberg
(Coauthor: Senator Strickland)**

April 8, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to Green Star Veterans and Families Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 154, as introduced, Umberg. Green Star Veterans and Families Day.

This measure would designate May 4, 2026, as Green Star Veterans and Families Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Veterans of the United States Armed Forces served
2 our country with honor, courage, and unwavering commitment to
3 protecting our freedoms and securing our national defense; and

4 WHEREAS, Many veterans who have bravely served continue
5 to face significant mental health challenges upon returning home,
6 including invisible wounds that can profoundly impact their daily
7 lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Mental health conditions, including post-traumatic
9 stress disorder, depression, and traumatic brain injury, often
10 intensify over time and, without adequate support, can increase
11 the risk of suicide; and

12 WHEREAS, An estimated 22 veterans are tragically lost to
13 suicide every day, 6,407 veterans took their lives in 2022, and over
14 140,000 veterans have died by suicide since September 11, 2001;
15 and

1 WHEREAS, Despite these alarming numbers, Green Star
2 Veterans, veterans who have lost their lives to suicide in connection
3 with their military service, are not formally recognized in our state;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, Every veteran whose life ends as a result of their
6 service deserves to be honored with the same dignity; and
7 WHEREAS, The families of veterans lost to suicide deserve the
8 assurance that their loved ones’ service, sacrifice, and memory
9 will be respectfully preserved and recognized; and
10 WHEREAS, Green Star Families serve an essential role in
11 sharing their loved ones’ stories, spreading public awareness of
12 the toll service-related mental health challenges have on a veteran,
13 and advocating for stronger prevention and support initiatives to
14 protect future veterans and their families; and
15 WHEREAS, The Green Star Service Banner serves as a symbol
16 to honor our veterans who have lost their lives to suicide in
17 connection with their military service and should be recognized
18 in our state; now, therefore, be it
19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates May 4, 2026,
21 as “Green Star Veterans and Families Day” in California; and be
22 it further
23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature officially recognizes the Green
24 Star Service Banner; and be it further
25 *Resolved*, That the Legislature honors veterans whose lives were
26 lost to suicide to recognize the resilience and dedication of the
27 families they leave behind and to raise awareness of the ongoing
28 mental health and suicide crisis affecting those who have served;
29 and be it further
30 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
31 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 154 (Umberg) – As Introduced April 8, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: Green Star Veterans and Families Day.

SUMMARY: Designates May 4, 2026, as “Green Star Veterans and Families Day” in California; and, officially recognizes the Green Star Service Banner. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Veterans of the United States Armed Forces served our country with honor, courage, and unwavering commitment to protecting our freedoms and securing our national defense.
- 2) Many veterans who have bravely served continue to face significant mental health challenges upon returning home, including invisible wounds that can profoundly impact their daily lives.
- 3) Mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and traumatic brain injury, often intensify over time and, without adequate support, can increase the risk of suicide.
- 4) An estimated 22 veterans are tragically lost to suicide every day, 6,407 veterans took their lives in 2022, and over 140,000 veterans have died by suicide since September 11, 2001. Despite these alarming numbers, Green Star Veterans, veterans who have lost their lives to suicide in connection with their military service, are not formally recognized in our state.
- 5) Every veteran whose life ends as a result of their service deserves to be honored with the same dignity.
- 6) The families of veterans lost to suicide deserve the assurance that their loved ones’ service, sacrifice, and memory will be respectfully preserved and recognized.
- 7) Green Star Families serve an essential role in sharing their loved ones’ stories, spreading public awareness of the toll service-related mental health challenges have on a veteran, and advocating for stronger prevention and support initiatives to protect future veterans and their families.
- 8) The Green Star Service Banner serves as a symbol to honor our veterans who have lost their lives to suicide in connection with their military service and should be recognized in our state.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Dahle

(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Becker, Caballero, Durazo, Ochoa Bogh, Pérez, Seyarto, Strickland, Wahab, and Wiener)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alanis, Calderon, Castillo, Hadwick, and Blanca Rubio)

April 9, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 156—Relative to National Stroke Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 156, as introduced, Dahle. National Stroke Awareness Month. This measure would declare the month of May 2026 as National Stroke Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Stroke is a neurological emergency caused by
- 2 sudden blockage of an artery in the brain or sudden bleeding in
- 3 the brain that is both preventable and treatable; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Stroke is the leading cause of serious long-term
- 5 disability and a leading cause of death in the United States, killing
- 6 about 140,000 people nationwide and approximately 14,000
- 7 citizens of California each year; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The average large-artery stroke victim loses
- 9 approximately 2,000,000 neurons per minute without emergency
- 10 treatment; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The phrase “Time Is Brain” emphasizes the
- 12 importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately when stroke symptoms

1 are recognized because early treatment dramatically improves the
2 chances of recovery; and

3 WHEREAS, One in three Americans cannot name any of the
4 signs or symptoms of a stroke, and more than one-half of
5 Americans do not know if they are at risk for a stroke; and

6 WHEREAS, The B.E.F.A.S.T. warning signs of stroke include
7 the sudden onset of the following symptoms: Balance-loss of
8 balance or coordination; Eyes-vision loss or double vision;
9 Face-face drooping; Arm-arm weakness; Speech-speech difficulty;
10 and Time-time to call 9-1-1; and beyond B.E.F.A.S.T., additional
11 stroke warning signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or
12 weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the
13 body; sudden confusion; sudden trouble speaking or difficulty
14 understanding; sudden trouble walking; sudden dizziness; and
15 sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

16 WHEREAS, Between 2019 and 2020, strokes cost the nation
17 over \$56 billion, including the cost of health care services,
18 medications, and lost productivity; and

19 WHEREAS, Nearly 120,000,000 Americans have high blood
20 pressure, which is a major controllable risk factor for stroke,
21 including 56 percent of black adults, among the highest prevalence
22 of any population in the world; and

23 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association urges people to
24 lower their risk of heart disease and stroke by focusing on “Life’s
25 Simple 7” key health factors and behaviors: managing blood
26 pressure, controlling cholesterol, reducing blood sugar, getting
27 active, eating better, losing weight, and stopping smoking; and

28 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed
29 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes,
30 but much more research is needed; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the month of
33 May 2026 as National Stroke Awareness Month in California; and
34 be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
36 familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke,
37 to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at
38 the first signs of a stroke, to dial 9-1-1 immediately in order to
39 begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population;
40 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: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 156 (Dahle) – As Introduced April 9, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: National Stroke Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of May 2026 as National Stroke Awareness Month in California; and, urges all Californians to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, and to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Stroke is a neurological emergency caused by sudden blockage of an artery in the brain or sudden bleeding in the brain that is both preventable and treatable.
- 2) Stroke is the leading cause of serious long-term disability and a leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 140,000 people nationwide and approximately 14,000 citizens of California each year.
- 3) The phrase “Time Is Brain” emphasizes the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately when stroke symptoms are recognized because early treatment dramatically improves the chances of recovery. One in three Americans cannot name any of the signs or symptoms of a stroke, and more than one-half of Americans do not know if they are at risk for a stroke.
- 4) Between 2019 and 2020, strokes cost the nation over \$56 billion, including the cost of health care services, medications, and lost productivity.
- 5) The American Heart Association urges people to lower their risk of heart disease and stroke by focusing on “Life’s Simple 7” key health factors and behaviors: managing blood pressure, controlling cholesterol, reducing blood sugar, getting active, eating better, losing weight, and stopping smoking.
- 6) New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but much more research is needed.

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 Umberg

April 20, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 162—Relative to CASA Appreciation Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 162, as introduced, Umberg. CASA Appreciation Day.
This measure would declare May 7, 2026, as CASA Appreciation Day in California.
Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, All children have the right to a home with loving
2 people to care for them, but each year in the United States,
3 hundreds of thousands of children are abused, neglected, or
4 abandoned by their families. These children are removed from
5 their homes, placed in foster care or institutions, and eventually
6 may end up as wards of the court; and
7 WHEREAS, A judge has the power to decide the future for
8 these children and whether they should remain in foster care, be
9 reunited with parents, or adopted, but in many cases, the children
10 become victims for a second time, lost in an overburdened child
11 welfare system that cannot pay close attention to each child; and
12 WHEREAS, CASA Appreciation Day recognizes the important
13 role played by Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children
14 (CASA) volunteers. These trained community volunteers are
15 appointed by a judge as officers of the court to speak up for
16 children in juvenile court and to help humanize for these children
17 the often frightening and confusing child welfare and legal systems;
18 and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 50,000 of California’s children are
2 living in foster care because they have been abused, neglected, or
3 abandoned. In 2025, 7,582 CASA volunteers supported 10,844
4 foster children in California by contributing a total of 389,426
5 hours. These CASA volunteers play an important role in their lives
6 by getting to know each child and letting the judge and others in
7 the child welfare system understand the child’s perspective and
8 needs; and

9 WHEREAS, The CASA mission is to ensure consistency and
10 support for children in the foster care system through the use of
11 volunteer advocates advancing the best interests of each child; and

12 WHEREAS, The CASA vision is one where every Californian
13 child in need is appointed a CASA volunteer to champion that
14 child without compromise, in court, in school, and in the
15 community, putting them on the path to a safe and permanent
16 home; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares that May
19 7, 2026, is recognized as CASA Appreciation Day in California;
20 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 162 (Umberg) – As Introduced April 20, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: CASA Appreciation Day.

SUMMARY: Declares that May 7, 2026, is recognized as CASA Appreciation Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) All children have the right to a home with loving people to care for them, but each year in the United States, hundreds of thousands of children are abused, neglected, or abandoned by their families. These children are removed from their homes, placed in foster care or institutions, and eventually may end up as wards of the court.
- 2) A judge has the power to decide the future for these children and whether they should remain in foster care, be reunited with parents, or adopted, but in many cases, the children become victims for a second time, lost in an overburdened child welfare system that cannot pay close attention to each child.
- 3) CASA Appreciation Day recognizes the important role played by Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) volunteers. These trained community volunteers are appointed by a judge as officers of the court to speak up for children in juvenile court and to help humanize for these children the often frightening and confusing child welfare and legal systems.
- 4) The CASA mission is to ensure consistency and support for children in the foster care system through the use of volunteer advocates advancing the best interests of each child.
- 5) The CASA vision is one where every Californian child in need is appointed a CASA volunteer to champion that child without compromise, in court, in school, and in the community, putting them on the path to a safe and permanent home.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Weber Pierson
(Coauthors: Senators Richardson and Smallwood-Cuevas)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta, Bryan, Elhawary, Gipson,
Jackson, McKinnor, Ransom, Sharp-Collins, and Wilson)

April 21, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to Black Health Equity Advocacy Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 164, as introduced, Weber Pierson. Black Health Equity Advocacy Week.

This measure would recognize May 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, inclusive, and every first full week of May thereafter, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week and commend the California Black Health Network and other organizations throughout the state for their efforts to improve the health, well-being, and life expectancy of Black Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The life expectancy at birth for Black Californians
- 2 is 76.2 years of age, 5 years shorter than the state average and the
- 3 lowest life expectancy of all racial and ethnic groups; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Black Californians experience the highest death
- 5 rates from breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer
- 6 compared to all racial groups; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Black birthing people in California were six times
- 8 more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than white
- 9 birthing people, 56.2 compared to 9.4 pregnancy-related deaths
- 10 per 100,000, respectively; and

1 WHEREAS, Black birthing people experience higher rates of
2 prenatal depressive symptoms and disproportionately lower use
3 of postpartum counseling treatments and services than their white
4 counterparts; and

5 WHEREAS, Black Californians have higher rates of serious
6 psychological distress than white Californians, 5.4 percent
7 compared to 2.9 percent; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly one-half of Black adults in June 2020
9 reported experiencing an economic challenge because of the
10 COVID-19 pandemic, three times greater than white adults; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Robert Wood Johnson
12 Foundation, health equity means everyone has a fair and just
13 opportunity to be as healthy as possible, which requires removing
14 obstacles to health, such as poverty, discrimination, and their
15 consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good
16 jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe
17 environments, and health care; and

18 WHEREAS, In an effort to bring awareness to the long-standing
19 structural inequities that negatively impact the health and
20 well-being of Black Californians, as well as to uplift existing efforts
21 to address inequities and dismantle the environmental and systemic
22 barriers that contribute to disproportionate health outcomes and
23 achieve racial justice, social justice, and environmental justice,
24 the California Black Health Network is recognizing May 4, 2026,
25 to May 8, 2026, inclusive, and every first full week of May
26 thereafter, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week; and

27 WHEREAS, Black Health Equity Advocacy Week will help
28 bring communities, organizations, and individuals together to
29 mobilize, strategize, and collaborate on ways to break down the
30 structural barriers that currently exist in California while mapping
31 out a framework to advance Black health equity in the Golden
32 State; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes May
35 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, inclusive, and every first full week of
36 May thereafter, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week and
37 commends the California Black Health Network and other
38 organizations throughout the state for their efforts to improve the
39 health, well-being, and life expectancy of Black Californians; and
40 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: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 164 (Weber Pierson) – As Introduced April 21, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: Black Health Equity Advocacy Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, inclusive, and every first full week of May thereafter, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, health equity means everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible, which requires removing obstacles to health, such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care.
- 2) The life expectancy at birth for Black Californians is 76.2 years of age, five years shorter than the state average and the lowest life expectancy of all racial and ethnic groups. Black Californians experience the highest death rates from breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer compared to all racial groups.
- 3) Black birthing people in California were six times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than White birthing people, 56.2 compared to 9.4 pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000, respectively.
- 4) Black birthing people experience higher rates of prenatal depressive symptoms and disproportionately lower use of postpartum counseling treatments and services than their White counterparts.
- 5) Black Californians have higher rates of serious psychological distress than White Californians, 5.4 percent compared to 2.9 percent. Nearly one-half of Black adults in June 2020 reported experiencing an economic challenge because of the COVID-19 pandemic, three times greater than White adults.
- 6) In an effort to bring awareness to the long-standing structural inequities that negatively impact the health and well-being of Black Californians, as well as to uplift existing efforts to address such inequities and dismantle the environmental and systemic barriers that contribute to disproportionate health outcomes and achieve racial justice, social justice, and environmental justice, the California Black Health Network is recognizing May 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week.
- 7) Black Health Equity Advocacy Week will help bring communities, organizations, and individuals together to mobilize, strategize, and collaborate on ways to break down the structural barriers that currently exist in California, while mapping out a framework to advance Black health equity in the Golden State.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Grayson

April 22, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 165—Relative to California Wildfire Preparedness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 165, as introduced, Grayson. California Wildfire Preparedness Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 3 to May 9, 2026, inclusive, as California Wildfire Preparedness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California has long faced a year-round fire season;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The January 2025 fires in the County of Los
4 Angeles were two of the five most destructive wildfires to ever hit
5 California. These fires underscore the scale and intensity of the
6 climate impacts we face; and

7 WHEREAS, It is more important now than ever that every
8 person in the state is prepared for wildfire; and

9 WHEREAS, The state is taking unprecedented action to make
10 our communities more resilient to wildfire and to improve forest
11 health; and

12 WHEREAS, Since 2019, the state has made historic investments
13 to step up forest management and other projects that decrease
14 catastrophic wildfire risk, nearly doubled the Department of
15 Forestry and Fire Protection’s budget, and built the largest aerial
16 firefighting fleet in the world, which is supplemented by
17 state-of-the-art firefighting equipment and technology; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2025 the state took additional steps to modernize
2 and update its nation-leading fire standards, including accelerating
3 the development of “Zone 0” regulations to create ember-resistant
4 zones around structures in the highest fire severity zones in the
5 state; and

6 WHEREAS, The state has dramatically increased work to
7 prevent wildfires, with, as of May 2025, more than 2,200 fuels
8 reduction projects completed or underway on state land, and in
9 recent years California has treated nearly 2,000,000 acres; and

10 WHEREAS, This work is vital to slowing and reducing the
11 intensity of wildfires and provides areas that fire personnel can
12 safely and aggressively suppress fires from; and

13 WHEREAS, Developing and maintaining these vital projects
14 across the state is an ongoing focus to protect our communities;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The state manages only 3 percent of California’s
17 forest land, while 57 percent of California’s forests are federally
18 managed; and

19 WHEREAS, The state is ready to strengthen federal partnerships;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, California Wildfire Preparedness Week emphasizes
22 the importance of both collaborative efforts and individual
23 responsibility in reducing and managing wildfire risk; and

24 WHEREAS, Californians can make their neighborhoods safer
25 by creating defensible space around homes, hardening homes,
26 developing wildfire action plans, and teaming up to join fire safe
27 councils and Firewise USA communities that work to regularly
28 assess wildfire risk and prioritize action to address it; and

29 WHEREAS, All Californians are encouraged to take steps to
30 prepare for wildfire season and to help prevent loss of life and
31 property as together we can create a more fire-resilient California;
32 now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
35 week of May 3 to May 9, 2026, inclusive, as California Wildfire
36 Preparedness Week; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 165 (Grayson) – As Introduced April 22, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: California Wildfire Preparedness Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of May 3 to May 9, 2026, inclusive, as California Wildfire Preparedness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California has long faced a year-round fire season. The January 2025 fires in the County of Los Angeles were two of the five most destructive wildfires to ever hit California. These fires underscore the scale and intensity of the climate impacts we face.
- 2) It is more important now than ever that every person in the state is prepared for wildfire. The state is taking unprecedented action to make our communities more resilient to wildfire and to improve forest health.
- 3) Since 2019, the state has made historic investments to step up forest management and other projects that decrease catastrophic wildfire risk, nearly doubled the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s budget, and built the largest aerial firefighting fleet in the world, which is supplemented by state-of-the-art firefighting equipment and technology.
- 4) In 2025, the state took additional steps to modernize and update its nation-leading fire standards, including accelerating the development of “Zone 0” regulations to create ember-resistant zones around structures in the highest fire severity zones in the state.
- 5) The state has dramatically increased work to prevent wildfires, with, as of May 2025, more than 2,200 fuels reduction projects completed or underway on state land, and in recent years California has treated nearly two million acres. This work is vital to slowing and reducing the intensity of wildfires and provides areas that fire personnel can safely and aggressively suppress fires from.
- 6) The state manages only three percent of California’s forest land, while 57 percent of California’s forests are federally managed. The state is ready to strengthen federal partnerships.
- 7) California Wildfire Preparedness Week emphasizes the importance of both collaborative efforts and individual responsibility in reducing and managing wildfire risk.
- 8) Californians can make their neighborhoods safer by creating defensible space around homes, hardening homes, developing wildfire action plans, and teaming up to join fire safe councils and Firewise USA communities that work to regularly assess wildfire risk and prioritize action to address it.
- 9) All Californians are encouraged to take steps to prepare for wildfire season and to help prevent loss of life and property as together we can create a more fire-resilient California.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

**Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh
(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Ashby, Blakespear,
Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez,
Grayson, Grove, Jones, Limón, Menjivar, Niello, Pérez, Richardson,
Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg,
Valladares, and Weber Pierson)**

April 23, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 167—Relative to Mother’s Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 167, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. Mother’s Day.

This measure would recognize May 10, 2026, as the 119th annual Mother’s Day and would urge all Californians to recognize, appreciate, and be grateful for the gifts and good works of mothers on that day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The first Mother’s Day was held on the second
- 2 Sunday in May 1907 in West Virginia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional
- 4 resolution in 1914 making Mother’s Day an officially recognized
- 5 day; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The contributions of mothers past, present, and
- 7 future deserve to be recognized, not just today, but every day; and
- 8 WHEREAS, A mother is one who nurtures her family, her
- 9 community, her country, and her world; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mother’s Day is an opportunity to become better
- 11 children and show our gratitude for those women who put the
- 12 needs of others before their own needs; and

1 WHEREAS, Each day, mothers provide counsel and serve as
2 an example to their children and pass on the values that impact
3 their legacy for generations; and
4 WHEREAS, Each day, mothers enrich our lives by providing
5 opportunities to grow physically, emotionally, intellectually, and
6 spiritually; and
7 WHEREAS, Women are more likely to serve as the primary
8 caregiver for their children, spouse, parents, and others; and
9 WHEREAS, One in four mothers are raising their children
10 without a spouse or partner; and
11 WHEREAS, In the United States, more than 24,000,000 women
12 are working mothers; and
13 WHEREAS, Mother’s Day also recognizes those who are trying
14 to become mothers, those who have lost their mothers, and the
15 people in our lives who have taken on the motherhood role; and
16 WHEREAS, Mothers play an important role in educating, caring
17 for, and raising the next generation of artists, scientists, and
18 community leaders; now, therefore, be it
19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes May 10, 2026,
21 as the 119th annual Mother’s Day and urges all Californians to
22 recognize, appreciate, and be grateful for the gifts and good works
23 of mothers on that day; and be it further
24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
25 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 167 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced April 23, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Mother's Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 10, 2026, as the 119th annual Mother's Day; and, urges all Californians to recognize, appreciate, and be grateful for the gifts and good works of mothers on that day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first Mother's Day was held on the second Sunday in May 1907 in West Virginia. President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional resolution in 1914 making Mother's Day an officially recognized day.
- 2) A mother is one who nurtures her family, her community, her country, and her world. Mother's Day is an opportunity to become better children and show our gratitude for those women who put the needs of others before their own needs.
- 3) Each day, mothers provide counsel and serve as an example to their children and pass on the values that impact their legacy for generations. They enrich our lives by providing opportunities to grow physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.
- 4) Women are more likely to serve as the primary caregiver for their children, spouse, parents, and others. One in four mothers are raising their children without a spouse or partner.
- 5) Mother's Day also recognizes those who are trying to become mothers, those who have lost their mothers, and the people in our lives who have taken on the motherhood role.

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 Jones and Grayson
(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Grove, Hurtado, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Rubio, Seyarto, Strickland, and Valladares)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Boerner, Gallagher, and Lackey)

April 27, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 168—Relative to Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 168, as introduced, Jones. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

This measure would designate the month of May 2026 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient
2 transportation and recreation for Californians and visitors to our
3 Golden State. Motorcyclists travel approximately 21,000,000 miles
4 per year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles
5 each. Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses
6 fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways,
7 and increases available parking areas; and
8 WHEREAS, Through the Department of the California Highway
9 Patrol’s California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state has
10 trained over 1,200,000 riders out of the 1,400,000 total riders
11 licensed since the start of the program in the 1980s. Along with
12 the assistance of the California Office of Traffic Safety, rider
13 education, and the Department of Transportation’s freeway

1 message boards, these efforts have led to a 10percent decrease in
2 annual motorcyclist fatalities compared to the number of fatalities
3 in 2022 and 2023, while at the same time, the national average of
4 annual motorcyclist fatalities has increased by 1 percent since 2022
5 and 2023. California leads the way in training and safety for
6 motorcyclists, and we are saving lives; and

7 WHEREAS, It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware
8 of one another, learn to share the road, and practice courtesy; and

9 WHEREAS, California was the first state to legalize lane
10 splitting; and

11 WHEREAS, ABATE of California, which is a motorcyclists'
12 rights and safety organization, the American Motorcyclist
13 Association, the Bay Area Riders Forum, and the California
14 Motorcycle Dealers Association are organizations that actively
15 promote the safe operation of motorcycles, advocate for more rider
16 training courses through California Highway Patrol provider Total
17 Control Training, and advocate for increasing motorist recognition
18 of motorcycles; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
21 month of May 2026 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in
22 California, acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all
23 drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles,
24 and honors motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities
25 in which they live and ride; and be it further

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

O

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 168 (Jones) – As Introduced April 27, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of May 2026 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California; and, acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles; and, honors motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for Californians and visitors to our Golden State. Motorcyclists travel approximately 21 million miles per year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles each. Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas.
- 2) Through the Department of the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state has trained over 1.2 million riders out of the 1.4 million total riders licensed since the start of the program in the 1980s.
- 3) Along with the assistance of the California Office of Traffic Safety, rider education, and the Department of Transportation's freeway message boards, these efforts have led to a 10 percent decrease in annual motorcyclist fatalities compared to the number of fatalities in 2022 and 2023, while at the same time, the national average of annual motorcyclist fatalities has increased by 1 percent since 2022 and 2023. California leads the way in training and safety for motorcyclists, and we are saving lives.
- 4) It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another, learn to share the road, and practice courtesy.
- 5) ABATE of California, which is a motorcyclists' rights and safety organization, the American Motorcyclist Association, the Bay Area Riders Forum, and the California Motorcycle Dealers Association are organizations that actively promote the safe operation of motorcycles, advocate for more rider training courses through California Highway Patrol provider Total Control Training, and advocate for increasing motorist recognition of motorcycles.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

ABATE of California
California Motorcycle Dealers Association (CMDA)
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Opposition

None on file

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May 15th, 2026

California State Assembly

Assembly Rules Committee - California State Capitol

Support SCR 168 Jones

Members of the Assembly,

ABATE of California, a Motorcyclists Rights & Safety Organization, is a non-profit dedicated to preserving the freedom of choice and freedom of the road for riders, with an emphasis on education. We have local chapters throughout the State with members who support numerous charities and educational efforts. ABATE of California is a voting member on the California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) and sits on the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Motorcycle Advisory Committee.

California motorcyclists support SCR 168 because it recognizes both the freedom and responsibility that come with riding while reinforcing the importance of safety, training, and mutual respect on California roadways. Riders understand that motorcycle awareness is not just about protecting motorcyclists, but about encouraging all roadway users to safely share the road together. California has long been a national leader in motorcycle safety through rider education, lane splitting guidelines, and the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program, which has helped train more than 1.2 million riders and contributed to reducing fatalities while national numbers have risen. Designating May 2026 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month highlights the positive contributions motorcyclists make to their communities, promotes continued investment in rider training and public awareness, and reminds drivers to stay alert for motorcycles in order to save lives.

In closing, SCR 168 Jones is a critical step toward safer roads for all Californians. **ABATE of California, on behalf of 1.4 million licensed motorcyclists across the state, respectfully ask for the passage of SCR 168.**

Sincerely,

David Seiler, Chairman of the Board

CC: Members of the Senate

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May 15th, 2026
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SUPPORT for SCR 168 Jones/Grayson**

Assemblymembers,

The California Motorcycle Dealers Association (CMDA) is a non-profit trade association for California's motorcycle and motorsports dealers. In 2026, we are celebrating our 55th year of representing the business interests of the motorcycle dealers of California, who look to us to promote their economic well being, growth and development. The CMDA is also a charter member of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program Advisory Committee.

California motorcycle dealers and related retail businesses support SCR 168 because promoting motorcycle safety and awareness helps create a stronger, safer, and more sustainable riding community across the state. Dealers, repair shops, gear manufacturers, and local motorcycle retailers depend on responsible and educated riders who remain active in motorcycling for years to come. By recognizing May 2026 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, California is reinforcing the importance of rider training, public awareness, and sharing the road safely with motorcycles. Businesses within the motorcycle industry also recognize that California's leadership in rider education and safety programs has helped reduce fatalities and improve rider confidence, which benefits local economies, supports jobs, encourages tourism and recreation, and strengthens the long term future of the motorcycle community statewide.

The CMDA respectfully asks for the Assembly support in passing SCR 168 Jones/Grayson.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the headquarters of the CMDA in Lake Elsinore (951) 471-1500, or the CMDA's Sacramento Legislative Advocate, James E. Lombardo of the Lombardo Group at (916) 424-1148.

Respectfully,

John Paliwoda,
Executive Director

cc: Members of the Senate
The Lombardo Group, CMDA Legislative Advocate