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Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 126

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 2/16/2024  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 1831 has changed. ACR 142, ACR 143, ACR 144, ACR 145, HR 70, HR 71, and HR 72 have been added to the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

02/20/2024

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

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
<u>AB 1831</u>	PUB. S.
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<u>AB 2073</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2074</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2077</u>	AGRI.
<u>AB 2080</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 2081</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2081</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2082</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 2084</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 2086</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 2090</u>	AGRI.
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<u>AB 2095</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2096</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2096</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 2097</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2099</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 2100</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2101</u>	E.M.

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<u>AB 2104</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 2105</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2107</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 2109</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 2110</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2111</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 2112</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2113</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>AB 2114</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 2116</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 2117</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 2117</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 2120</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 2123</u>	INS.
<u>AB 2126</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2127</u>	ELECTIONS
<u>AB 2128</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 2129</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2130</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 2132</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2133</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 2135</u>	L. & E.
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<u>AB 2141</u>	HUM. S.
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<u>AB 2144</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 2145</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 2149</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2150</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 2150</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 2151</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 2152</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 2153</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2154</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2155</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 2156</u>	HEALTH
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<u>AB 2164</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 2166</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 2169</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2173</u>	ED.

<u>AB 2174</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 2175</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2176</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 2177</u>	G.O.
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<u>ACR 145</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 70</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 71</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 72</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 96</u>	J., E.D., & E.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 12, 2024

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 136**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Holden**

**(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta, Bryan, Gipson,  
Jackson, Jones-Sawyer, McCarty, McKinnor, Weber, and Wilson)**

(Principal coauthors: Senators Bradford and Smallwood-Cuevas)

January 31, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136—Relative to Black History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 136, as amended, Holden. Black History Month.

This measure would recognize February ~~2023~~ 2024 as Black History Month, urge all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month, and encourage the people of California to recognize the many talents of African Americans and the achievements and contributions they make to their communities to create equity and equality for education, economics, and social justice. The measure would also recognize the significance in protecting citizens’ right to vote and remedying racial discrimination in voting.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The history of the United States is rich with
- 2 inspirational stories of great individuals whose actions, words, and
- 3 achievements have united Americans and contributed to the success
- 4 and prosperity of the United States; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Among those Americans who have enriched our
- 6 society are the members of the African American community,

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1 individuals whose accomplishments have contributed to every  
2 endeavor throughout the history of our nation and who have been  
3 steadfast in their commitment to promoting brotherhood, equality,  
4 and justice for all; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, the distinguished  
6 African American author, editor, publisher, and historian who is  
7 known as the “Father of Black History,” founded Negro History  
8 Week in 1926, which became Black History Month in 1976, with  
9 the intent to encourage further research and publications regarding  
10 the untold stories of African American heritage; and

11 WHEREAS, August 2019 marked 400 years since the first arrival  
12 of Africans to present-day America, and the United States Congress  
13 established the 400 Years of African American History  
14 Commission to commemorate the historic heritage and  
15 contributions that Americans of African descent have made to help  
16 shape the cultural, academic, social, economic, and moral attributes  
17 of this nation; and

18 WHEREAS, In August 1619, the first documented Africans  
19 arrived in the English colony of Virginia. The group, recorded  
20 upon arrival as “20 and odd Negroes,” was part of a larger group  
21 of West Africans enslaved by Portuguese slave traders. They were  
22 on their way to Veracruz aboard a Portuguese ship when they were  
23 captured off the coast of Mexico by an English warship and  
24 transported to Virginia where they were put ashore at what is now  
25 Hampton, Virginia and sold as involuntary laborers or indentured  
26 servants; and

27 WHEREAS, Slavery had not yet been institutionalized so the  
28 Africans were informed they would work under contract for a  
29 certain period of time before being granted freedom and the rights  
30 afforded other settlers. However, while European indentured  
31 servants were listed along with their year of expected freedom, no  
32 such information accompanied the names of the African indentured  
33 servants; and

34 WHEREAS, The historic arrival of the group of “20 and odd  
35 Negroes” marked the beginning of the trend in colonial America  
36 where people of Africa were taken unwillingly from their homeland  
37 and transplanted to a foreign land, condemned to a lifetime of  
38 slavery and racial discrimination, and endured atrocities and  
39 conditions mostly undreamt of up until that time; and

1 WHEREAS, During the course of the slave trade, an estimated  
2 50,000,000 African men, women, and children were lost to their  
3 native continent. Of those, the majority—about 35,000,000—lost  
4 their lives on African soil or along the Guinea coast or finally in  
5 holds on the ships during the dreaded Middle Passage across the  
6 Atlantic Ocean; and

7 WHEREAS, In spite of the African slave trade, Africans and  
8 African Americans continued to move forward in society. During  
9 the Reconstruction period, two African Americans served in the  
10 United States Senate and 14 sat in the House of Representatives;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, From the earliest days of the United States, the  
13 course of its history has been greatly influenced by African  
14 American heroes and pioneers in many diverse areas, including  
15 science, medicine, business, education, government, industry, and  
16 social leadership; and

17 WHEREAS, Africans and African Americans have been great  
18 inventors, inventing and improving on innovations such as the  
19 air-conditioning unit, almanac, automatic gearshift, blood plasma  
20 bag, clothes dryer, doorknob, doorstop, electric lamp bulb, elevator,  
21 fire escape ladder, fountain pen, gas mask, golf tee, horseshoe,  
22 lantern, lawnmower, lawn sprinkler, lock, lubricating cup,  
23 refrigerating apparatus, spark plug, stethoscope, telephone  
24 transmitter, thermostat control, traffic signal, and typewriter; and

25 WHEREAS, Before the passage of the federal Voting Rights  
26 Act of 1965, voters faced disenfranchisement through poll taxes,  
27 literacy tests, and other tactics intended to keep African Americans  
28 from the polls on Election Day; and

29 WHEREAS, The Civil Rights Movement helped change public  
30 policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of  
31 the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating racial segregation  
32 in the South, known as the “Jim Crow Laws,” thereby leading to  
33 the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act  
34 of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending  
35 economic, legal, and social segregation in America; and

36 WHEREAS, The year 2020 marked the sesquicentennial of the  
37 Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and 55 years since the passage of  
38 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

39 WHEREAS, In 1976, the United States government officially  
40 recognized Black History Month, calling upon the public to “seize



1 the opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments  
2 of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our  
3 history”; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2008, Barack H. Obama was elected to serve as  
5 the first African American President of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2012, President Barack H. Obama was reelected  
7 to serve as President of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2012, California historically elected the most  
9 African Americans to serve in the Legislature, totaling 12 members;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In 2013, the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter first  
12 appeared on Twitter on July 13, 2013, and spread widely as  
13 high-profile cases involving the deaths of Black civilians, such as  
14 the murder of Trayvon Martin, provoked renewed outrage. A series  
15 of deaths of Black Americans at the hands of police officers  
16 continued to spark outrage and protests, including Eric Garner in  
17 New York City, New York, Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri,  
18 Tamir Rice in Cleveland, Ohio, and Freddie Gray in Baltimore,  
19 Maryland; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2013, gymnast Simone Biles ~~becomes~~ *became*  
21 *the* first African American world all-around champion; and

22 WHEREAS, In November of 2014, former Assemblywoman  
23 Autumn Burke was elected as the representative of the 62nd  
24 Assembly District. Her mother, former Los Angeles County  
25 Supervisor Assemblywoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, was the  
26 first African American woman elected to the California Assembly,  
27 the first African American woman elected to Congress from  
28 California, and a founding member of the Legislative Black  
29 Caucus. The election in 2014 marked the first time a mother and  
30 daughter have both served in the Assembly; and

31 WHEREAS, In 2015, Loretta Lynch was sworn in as the first  
32 African American woman Attorney General; and

33 WHEREAS, On September 24, 2016, the Smithsonian National  
34 Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC)  
35 opened. NMAAHC is the only national museum devoted  
36 exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history,  
37 and culture. An act of Congress established the museum in 2003,  
38 following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the  
39 contributions of African Americans. To date, the museum has

1 collected more than 36,000 artifacts and nearly 100,000 individuals  
2 have become members; and

3 WHEREAS, The Black Lives Matter movement gained renewed  
4 attention on September 25, 2016, when San Francisco 49ers  
5 quarterback Colin Kaepernick and players Eric Reid and Eli Harold  
6 kneeled during the national anthem before the game against the  
7 Seattle Seahawks to draw attention to recent acts of police brutality;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In 2016, Kamala D. Harris was elected as a United  
10 States Senator for California, the second African American woman  
11 and first South Asian American senator in history; and

12 WHEREAS, 2019 marked the highest number of African  
13 American members serving in the United States Congress, totaling  
14 55 members; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Dr.  
16 Nadine Burke Harris, a leading expert on the health effects of  
17 childhood trauma and development, to serve as California’s first  
18 Surgeon General; and

19 WHEREAS, The year 2020 marked the centennial of the  
20 Nineteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and the  
21 culmination of the women’s suffrage movement; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2020, Kamala D. Harris was elected Vice  
23 President of the United States on the Democratic ticket with  
24 President-elect Joseph R. Biden. Harris is the first female Vice  
25 President in United States history, the first Asian American, and  
26 first African American Vice President in United States history;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, In 2020, Shirley Nash Weber, Ph.D. was nominated  
29 to serve as Secretary of State by Governor Gavin Newsom on  
30 December 22, ~~2019~~, 2020, and sworn into office on January 29,  
31 2021. She is California’s first Black Secretary of State and only  
32 the fifth African American to serve as a state constitutional officer  
33 in California’s 170-year history; and

34 WHEREAS, In 2021, Senator Steven Bradford and  
35 Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr. made history  
36 as the first two African American leaders to be appointed to serve  
37 as chairs of their respective Public Safety Committees in the  
38 California State Legislature; and

1 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2021, Democratic President-elect  
2 Joseph Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris were sworn  
3 into office; and

4 WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, Democrat Raphael Warnock  
5 won the Georgia Special Election and became the first African  
6 American senator from Georgia. Warnock is the 11th African  
7 American to serve in the United States Senate, a group that includes  
8 former President Barack Obama, who served as a United States  
9 Senator from Illinois, and Vice President Kamala Harris, who  
10 served as a United States Senator from California; and

11 WHEREAS, On June 1, 2021, California’s Reparations Task  
12 Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African  
13 Americans, commenced its first meeting. This task force was  
14 established by Assembly Bill 3121 (2020) (Weber), and California  
15 is the first state in the nation to create a task force of this  
16 magnitude; and

17 WHEREAS, On June 1, 2021, President Joseph Biden became  
18 the first United States President to formally memorialize the Tulsa  
19 Race Massacre a century after the vibrant African American  
20 community of Greenwood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was destroyed;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, On June 18, 2021, President Joseph Biden made a  
23 formal proclamation recognizing Juneteenth, also known as  
24 Emancipation Day, as a United States federal holiday; and

25 WHEREAS, 2021 marked the 100th Anniversary of the Tulsa  
26 Race Massacre, which occurred May 31, 1921, to June 1, 1921.  
27 The Tulsa Race Massacre was one of the worst outbreaks of racial  
28 terrorism and violence in the United States’ history; and

29 WHEREAS, On January 3, 2022, California State Assembly  
30 Speaker Anthony Rendon appointed Assemblymember Chris  
31 Holden as Chair of the California State Assembly Committee on  
32 Appropriations. Assemblymember Holden is the first African  
33 American to Chair Appropriations in 27 years since former Speaker  
34 Willie Brown chaired the Ways and Means Committee from 1971  
35 to 1974, and in 1995, this committee was split into two committees:  
36 Appropriations and Budget; and

37 WHEREAS, On January 11, 2022, the United States Treasury  
38 minted coins featuring poet and activist Maya Angelou on the  
39 United States 25-cent coin, known as a quarter. Ms. Angelou is  
40 the first African American woman ever featured on a United States

1 coin and was the first African American woman to write and  
2 perform a poem at a presidential inauguration; and

3 WHEREAS, On June 30, 2022, Ketanji Brown Jackson was  
4 sworn in as the 116th justice of the Supreme Court of the United  
5 States making her the first Black woman and first former public  
6 defender to serve on the court; and

7 WHEREAS, On January 7, 2023, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries  
8 made history as the first Black lawmaker to lead a party in  
9 Congress; and

10 WHEREAS, Despite decades of progress, African Americans  
11 continue to face racial and social injustices, voter suppression,  
12 economic stagnation, and voting barriers in jurisdictions with a  
13 history of discrimination; and

14 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and more cohesive state and  
15 nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of voter  
16 equality and equal access to the political process for all people in  
17 order to protect the rights of every American; now, therefore, be  
18 it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature takes great pleasure in  
21 recognizing February 2024 as Black History Month, urges all  
22 citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African  
23 Americans during Black History Month, and encourages the people  
24 of California to recognize the many talents of African Americans  
25 and the achievements and contributions they make to their  
26 communities to create equity and equality for education,  
27 economics, and social justice; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the significance in  
29 protecting citizens' right to vote and remedying racial  
30 discrimination in voting; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 136 (Holden) – As Amended February 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Black History Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes February 2024 as Black History Month, and urges all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The history of the United States is rich with inspirational stories of great individuals whose actions, words, and achievements have united Americans and contributed to the success and prosperity of the United States.
- 2) Among those Americans who have enriched our society are the members of the African American community, individuals whose accomplishments have contributed to every endeavor throughout the history of our nation and who have been steadfast in their commitment to promoting brotherhood, equality, and justice for all.
- 3) During the course of the slave trade, an estimated 50 million African men, women, and children were lost to their native continent. The majority of those individuals, about 35 million, lost their lives on African soil or along the Guinea coast, or finally in the holds of ships during the dreaded Middle Passage across the Atlantic Ocean.
- 4) From the earliest days of the United States, the course of its history has been greatly influenced by African American heroes and pioneers in many diverse areas, including science, medicine, business, education, government, industry, and social leadership.
- 5) The Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating racial segregation in the South, known as the “Jim Crow Laws,” thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America.
- 6) Despite decades of progress, African Americans continue to face racial and social injustices, voter suppression, economic stagnation, and voting barriers in jurisdictions with a history of discrimination.
- 7) To build a stronger and more cohesive state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of voter equality and equal access to the political process for all people in order to protect the rights of every American.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**House Resolution**

**No. 69**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi**

February 7, 2024

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House Resolution No. 69—Relative to Read Across America Day.

1 WHEREAS, Reading is a building block of learning and the  
2 foundation for future success; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, the National Education Association  
4 celebrated the Read Across America campaign to raise awareness  
5 about the importance of reading; and

6 WHEREAS, The California Teachers Association celebrates  
7 Read Across America and the positive impact it has made in the  
8 schools and the State of California; and

9 WHEREAS, Read Across America is a national celebration of  
10 reading that promotes literacy, reading, and adult involvement in  
11 the education of pupils, and is celebrated on March 2 in honor of  
12 Dr. Seuss’s birthday; and

13 WHEREAS, To celebrate the joy of reading, pupils, parents,  
14 educators, sports figures, celebrities, firefighters, and business and  
15 community leaders are taking part in Read Across America events  
16 throughout the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, On March 2, 2024, the National Education  
18 Association, the California Teachers Association, local schools,  
19 libraries, bookstores, businesses, and other community  
20 organizations will commemorate Read Across America Day; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
23 Assembly joins the California Teachers Association in recognizing  
24 March 2, 2024, as Read Across America Day; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 69 (Muratsuchi) – As Introduced February 7, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Read Across America Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes March 2, 2024, as Read Across America Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Reading is the building block of learning and the foundation for future success; and, in 1998, the National Education Association celebrated the Read Across America campaign to raise awareness about the importance of reading.
- 2) Read Across America is a national celebration that promotes literacy, reading, and adult involvement in the education of pupils, and will be celebrated on March 2 in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.
- 3) To celebrate the joy of reading, pupils, parents, educators, sports figures, celebrities, firefighters, and business and community leaders are taking part in Read Across America events throughout the nation.
- 4) On March 2, 2024, the National Education Association, the California Teachers Association, local schools, libraries, bookstores, businesses, and other community organizations will commemorate Read Across America Day.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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**Introduced by Senator Niello**

April 27, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 56, as introduced, Niello. Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

This measure would declare the month of September 2023 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological  
2 disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United States;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation was first identified by  
5 Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890s and  
6 categorized into four types in order of severity; and

7 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation is a congenital malformation  
8 in which the bottom of the brain, known as the cerebellum, is  
9 crowded in the skull cavity and forces the lower tips of the  
10 cerebellar hemispheres, or tonsils, into the hole in the bottom of  
11 the skull, or foramen magnum; and

12 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum,  
13 the part of the brain that controls balance, and this creates pressure  
14 on the cerebellum and brain stem and may block the normal flow  
15 of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and

16 WHEREAS, Symptoms usually appear during adolescence or  
17 early adulthood and can include severe head and neck pain, vertigo,

1 muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred or double vision,  
2 difficulty swallowing, and sleep apnea; and

3 WHEREAS, Individuals who have Chiari Malformation may  
4 often have related conditions, such as hydrocephalus, spina bifida,  
5 syringomyelia, tethered spinal cord syndrome, and spinal curvature;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Neurological Disorders  
8 and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health is conducting  
9 research to find alternative surgical options and to identify the  
10 cause of Chiari Malformations to create improved treatment and  
11 prevention plans; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares September 2023  
14 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 56 (Niello) – As Introduced April 27, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of September 2023 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United States. It was first identified by Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890s and categorized into four types in order of severity.
- 2) Chiari Malformation is a congenital malformation in which the bottom of the brain, known as the cerebellum, is crowded in the skull cavity and forces the lower tips of the cerebellar hemispheres, or tonsils, into the hole in the bottom of the skull, or foramen magnum.
- 3) Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance, and this creates pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem and may block the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain.
- 4) Symptoms usually appear during adolescence or early adulthood and can include severe head and neck pain, vertigo, muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred or double vision, difficulty swallowing, and sleep apnea.
- 5) The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and to identify the cause of Chiari Malformations to create improved treatment and prevention plans.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**Introduced by Senator Rubio**

**(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Becker, Blakespear, Bradford, Cortese, Durazo, Eggman, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, Menjivar, Min, Nguyen, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Portantino, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Wahab, and Wiener)**

May 24, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71—Relative to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 71, as introduced, Rubio. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This measure would declare the month of September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to the American Childhood Cancer
- 2 Organization, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by
- 3 disease for children in the United States; and
- 4 WHEREAS, According to the American Childhood Cancer
- 5 Organization, approximately one of every six children are not
- 6 expected to live past five years of age; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that
- 8 approximately 9,910 children in the United States under 15 years
- 9 of age will be diagnosed with cancer in 2023; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The potential years of life lost to childhood cancer
- 11 and the potential years of life saved by treatment exceed all other
- 12 cancers with the exception of breast cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, Most children cannot be treated at a local hospital,  
2 and families must face the disruption of relocating to receive  
3 treatment at a regional cancer center; and  
4 WHEREAS, As a result of major treatment advances in recent  
5 decades, more than 85 percent of children with cancer now survive  
6 five years or more; and  
7 WHEREAS, The survival rate of children with cancer has  
8 significantly increased since the mid-1970s, when the five-year  
9 survival rate was approximately 58 percent; and  
10 WHEREAS, Survival rates vary depending on the type of cancer  
11 and other factors; and  
12 WHEREAS, Due to children’s bodies still growing and cancer  
13 treatments largely geared toward use on adults, children are more  
14 likely to experience long-term side effects from treatment; and  
15 WHEREAS, Possible late effects of cancer treatments include,  
16 but are not limited to, heart or lung problems, slowed or delayed  
17 development, changes in sexual development and the ability to  
18 have children, learning disabilities, and increased risk of secondary  
19 forms of cancer; and  
20 WHEREAS, Childhood cancer treatment is handled by a team  
21 of pediatric oncologists and surgeons, radiation oncologists,  
22 pediatric oncology nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician  
23 assistants; and  
24 WHEREAS, Other members of the team of health professionals  
25 aiding in the health and well-being of childhood cancer patients  
26 include, but are not limited to, psychologists, social workers, child  
27 life specialists, nutritionists, rehabilitation and physical therapists,  
28 and educators; and  
29 WHEREAS, Some of the most important members of a pediatric  
30 cancer patient’s team are experienced parents who navigate and  
31 advocate on behalf of their children; and  
32 WHEREAS, This state is a leader in the fight against and  
33 treatment of childhood cancer with nineteen Children’s Oncology  
34 Group hospitals: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Children’s Hospital  
35 Los Angeles, Children’s Hospital of Orange County, City of Hope  
36 Comprehensive Cancer Center, Kaiser Permanente Downey  
37 Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center,  
38 Loma Linda University Medical Center, Lucile Packard Children’s  
39 Hospital Stanford University, Lundquist Institute for Biomedical  
40 Innovation at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, UCLA Mattel

1 Children’s Hospital, Miller Children’s and Women’s Hospital  
2 Long Beach, Naval Medical Center San Diego, Rady Children’s  
3 Hospital-San Diego, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Sutter  
4 Medical Center Sacramento, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital  
5 Oakland, UCSF Medical Center at Mission Bay, University of  
6 California Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Valley  
7 Children’s Hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, Two of only 16 institutions in the Pediatric Brain  
9 Tumor Consortium are in California: Children’s Hospital Los  
10 Angeles and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford  
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford  
13 University is 1 of only 10 institutions nationwide participating in  
14 the Pediatric Oncology Experimental Therapeutic Investigators’  
15 Consortium; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the month of  
18 September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and  
19 encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout  
20 the state to participate in activities and events that promote  
21 awareness of childhood cancer and support families affected by  
22 this devastating disease not just during September but throughout  
23 the year; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature celebrates the progress of all  
25 related organizations in aiding children battling childhood cancer  
26 while simultaneously renewing its commitment to that cause,  
27 supports young Californians who are fighting cancer, honors young  
28 people who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, expresses  
29 gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and parents who provide special  
30 care to patients and families affected by childhood cancer, and  
31 encourages all residents in this state to join the fight against  
32 childhood cancer; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 71 (Rubio) – As Introduced May 24, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. And, encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout the state to participate in activities and events that promote awareness of childhood cancer and support families affected by this devastating disease not just during September, but throughout the year. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for children in the United States, and approximately one of every six children are not expected to live past five years of age.
- 2) The American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 9,910 children in the United States under 15 years of age will be diagnosed with cancer in 2023.
- 3) The potential years of life lost to childhood cancer and the potential years of life saved by treatment exceed all other cancers with the exception of breast cancer.
- 4) Most children cannot be treated at a local hospital, and families must face the disruption of relocating to receive treatment at a regional cancer center.
- 5) Survival rates vary depending on the type of cancer and other factors. As a result of major treatment advances in recent decades, more than 85 percent of children with cancer now survive five years or more.
- 6) Due to children's bodies still growing and cancer treatments largely geared toward use on adults, children are more likely to experience long-term side effects from treatment.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**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**

**(Principal coauthors: Senators Ashby and Seyarto)**

**(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Becker, Blakespear, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dahle, Dodd, Durazo, Eggman, Glazer, Gonzalez, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, Menjivar, Newman, Nguyen, Niello, Padilla, Roth, Skinner, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Umberg, Wahab, and Wiener)**

June 5, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to California Emergency Preparedness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 75, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. California Emergency Preparedness Month.

This measure would declare the month of September 2023 as California Emergency Preparedness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month
- 2 is the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s national annual
- 3 preparedness outreach; and
- 4 WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month aims to educate and
- 5 empower Americans during the month and throughout the year to
- 6 prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including
- 7 natural disasters and manmade emergencies; and
- 8 WHEREAS, California has experienced an uptick over the last
- 9 decade in emergency situations that require individuals to prepare
- 10 in advance; and

1 WHEREAS, These disasters include wildfires, earthquakes,  
2 snowstorms, floods, mudslides, and other incidents that can leave  
3 Californians without power, food, or other essential items for days;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 2022, there were 11 declared emergency  
6 situations in California, including 7,490 wildfires, hundreds of  
7 earthquakes, numerous blackouts, extensive flooding, and a  
8 massive snowstorm; and

9 WHEREAS, In response to emergencies and disasters, hundreds  
10 of thousands of Californians have been subject to mandatory  
11 evacuations and displacements; and

12 WHEREAS, It is vital that all levels of government and residents  
13 have a comprehensive plan in place before an emergency or natural  
14 disaster occurs; and

15 WHEREAS, These plans should include access to adequate  
16 shelter, reserves of food, water, and medical supplies, backup  
17 power sources, strategies for protecting animals, and access to  
18 transportation; and

19 WHEREAS, September is celebrated as National Preparedness  
20 Month; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
22 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
23 month of September 2023 as California Emergency Preparedness  
24 Month; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages Californians to  
26 acknowledge the importance of planning for emergencies to protect  
27 themselves, their families, and their communities; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 75 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced June 5, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** California Emergency Preparedness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of September 2023 as California Emergency Preparedness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month is the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s national annual preparedness outreach.
- 2) National Preparedness Month aims to educate and empower Americans during the month and throughout the year to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and manmade emergencies.
- 3) California has experienced an uptick over the last decade in emergency situations that require individuals to prepare in advance. These disasters include wildfires, earthquakes, snowstorms, floods, mudslides, and other incidents that can leave Californians without power, food, or other essential items for days.
- 4) In 2022, there were 11 declared emergency situations in California, including 7,490 wildfires, hundreds of earthquakes, numerous blackouts, extensive flooding, and a massive snowstorm. In response to emergencies and disasters, hundreds of thousands of Californians have been subject to mandatory evacuations and displacements.
- 5) It is vital that all levels of government and residents have a comprehensive plan in place before an emergency or natural disaster occurs. These plans should include access to adequate shelter, reserves of food, water, and medical supplies, backup power sources, strategies for protecting animals, and access to transportation.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**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**

August 15, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 88—Relative to honoring the family.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 88, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. National Family Week.

This measure would recognize November 19, 2023, to November 25, 2023, inclusive, as National Family Week, and would urge all Californians to recognize, appreciate, and be grateful for their families.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, National Family Week has been proclaimed during  
2 the month of November by every United States president since  
3 1972; and

4 WHEREAS, The observance of National Family Week was  
5 initiated by Sam Wiley, a teacher, basketball coach, and school  
6 administrator in Whiteland, Indiana, who believed “strong,  
7 supportive families” made a clear difference in the lives of children;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Wiley conceived of the idea to set aside a time  
10 during November, when families traditionally gather to give thanks  
11 for their many blessings, “to recognize the important role family  
12 plays in our society”; and

13 WHEREAS, In the words of President Ronald Reagan in his  
14 first National Family Week proclamation, “The family is the basic  
15 unit of our society, the heart of our free democracy. It provides  
16 love, acceptance, guidance, support, and instruction to the  
17 individual”; and

1 WHEREAS, In the words of President Joseph Biden in his first  
2 National Family Week proclamation, “Our nation is stronger  
3 because of the love, compassion, and care that our families share”;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Across cultures, families play an important,  
6 irreplaceable role in the rearing and support of current and future  
7 generations; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1993, the United Nations created the  
9 International Day of Families to be celebrated every May 15, to  
10 reflect on the significance that the international community accords  
11 to the family as the basic unit of society, as well as raising  
12 awareness of the current state of affairs of the family unit around  
13 the world; and

14 WHEREAS, The International Day of Families is represented  
15 by the symbol of a heart that stretches upwards and forms the roof  
16 of a house, with the heart engraved in a green circle to signify that  
17 the family is the center of society and provides a stable abode to  
18 support people of all ages; and

19 WHEREAS, Australia observes National Families Week  
20 annually from May 15 to May 21, inclusive, in order to “explore  
21 and celebrate the strengths and significance of families”; and

22 WHEREAS, South Africa commemorates Family Day on the  
23 Monday after Easter Sunday to provide an opportunity for residents  
24 to spend more quality time with their families; and

25 WHEREAS, On December 25, Uruguay commemorates “Dia  
26 de la Familia” as the streets of Latin America are filled with holiday  
27 celebrations; and

28 WHEREAS, On the first Sunday in March, Mexico  
29 commemorates its “Dia de la Familia” as a day to celebrate with  
30 family and reflect on its importance to society; and

31 WHEREAS, Vanuatu celebrates Family Day on December 26  
32 as families gather to give thanks and participate in community  
33 events; and

34 WHEREAS, Vietnam celebrates Family Day on June 28 to  
35 reflect on their core family values of prosperity, equality, and  
36 happiness; and

37 WHEREAS, Families play an important, irreplaceable role in  
38 nurturing and supporting the next generation of leaders in our  
39 society; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout history, elected leaders and key figures  
2 across the world have promoted the importance of family; and

3 WHEREAS, Winston Churchill affirmed, “There is no doubt  
4 that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest  
5 virtues...are created, strengthened and maintained”; and

6 WHEREAS, Mother Teresa once asked, “What can you do to  
7 promote world peace? Go home and love your family”; and

8 WHEREAS, Maya Angelou stated, “I sustain myself with the  
9 love of family”; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes November 19,  
12 2023, to November 25, 2023, inclusive, as National Family Week  
13 and urges all Californians to love, appreciate, and express gratitude  
14 toward the beloved members of their “families; and be it further”

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

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Date of Hearing: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 88 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced August 15, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 40-0

**SUBJECT:** National Family Week.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes November 19, 2023, to November 25, 2023, inclusive, as National Family Week, and urges all Californians to recognize, appreciate, and be grateful for their families. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Across cultures, families play an important, irreplaceable role in the rearing and support of current and future generations.
- 2) National Family Week has been proclaimed during the month of November by every United States president since 1972.
- 3) The observance of National Family Week was initiated by Sam Wiley, a teacher, basketball coach, and school administrator in Whiteland, Indiana, who believed “strong, supportive families” made a clear difference in the lives of children.
- 4) Wiley conceived of the idea to set aside a time during November, when families traditionally gather to give thanks for their many blessings, “to recognize the important role family plays in our society”.
- 5) Throughout history, elected leaders and key figures across the world have promoted the importance of family.
- 6) Families play an important, irreplaceable role in nurturing and supporting the next generation of leaders in our society.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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**Introduced by Senator Dodd  
(Coauthor: Senator Niello)**

August 15, 2023

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 89—Relative to Holodomor Memorial Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 89, as introduced, Dodd. Holodomor Memorial Month.

This measure would declare November 2023, and annually thereafter, as Holodomor Memorial Month, and November 25, 2023, and the fourth Saturday of November annually thereafter, as Holodomor Memorial Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1932 and 1933, an estimated 3,500,000 to  
2 7,000,000, inclusive, Ukrainian people perished in a premeditated  
3 famine orchestrated by Joseph Stalin and the Soviet government  
4 in an attempt to break Ukraine’s resistance to collectivization and  
5 communist occupation; and  
6 WHEREAS, Most scholars estimate between 3,500,000 and  
7 7,000,000 Ukrainian people died during this premeditated famine,  
8 although it is impossible to determine the precise number of  
9 victims; and  
10 WHEREAS, The Soviet government deliberately confiscated  
11 grain harvests and starved millions of Ukrainian people through  
12 a policy of forced collectivization that sought to destroy the  
13 nationally conscious movement for independence; and  
14 WHEREAS, Grain was fundamental to Ukraine, which was  
15 known as the “breadbasket of Europe” according to Professor



1 Andrea Graziosi at the University of Naples. The Soviet  
2 government required villages to meet grain quotas or be  
3 “blacklisted,” leading to travel and supply blockades; and

4 WHEREAS, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin and the Soviet  
5 government ordered the borders of Ukraine sealed to prevent  
6 anyone from escaping man-made starvation and to prevent  
7 international food aid that would provide relief to the starving  
8 Ukrainian people; and

9 WHEREAS, Numerous scholars worldwide have worked to  
10 uncover the scale of the famine, including Canadian wheat expert  
11 Andrew Cairns, who visited Ukraine in 1932, where Ukrainian  
12 people told him that there was no grain “because the government  
13 had collected so much grain and exported it to” other parts of the  
14 Soviet Union, England, and Italy while denying food aid to the  
15 people of Ukraine; and

16 WHEREAS, Nearly one-quarter of the rural population of  
17 Ukraine was eliminated due to forced starvation, while the entire  
18 nation suffered from the consequences of prolonged famine; and

19 WHEREAS, The Soviet government manipulated and censored  
20 foreign journalists, including New York Times correspondent  
21 Walter Duranty, who knowingly denied not only the scope and  
22 magnitude, but also the existence, of a deadly man-made famine  
23 in his reports from Ukraine; and

24 WHEREAS, Noted correspondents of the time were castigated  
25 by the Soviet Union for their accuracy and courage in depicting  
26 and reporting the famine in Ukraine, including Gareth Jones,  
27 William Henry Chamberlin, and Malcolm Muggeridge, who wrote,  
28 “[The farmers] will tell you that many have already died of famine  
29 and that many are dying every day; that thousands have been shot  
30 by the government and hundreds of thousands exiled”; and

31 WHEREAS, With the dissolution of the Soviet Union, archival  
32 documents became available that confirmed the deliberate and  
33 premeditated deadly nature of the famine and exposed the atrocities  
34 committed by the Soviet government against the Ukrainian people;  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Raphael Lemkin, who devoted his life to the  
37 development of legal concepts and norms for containing mass  
38 atrocities and whose tireless advocacy swayed the United Nations  
39 in 1948 to adopt the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment  
40 of the Crime of Genocide, authored the essay in 1953 titled “Soviet

1 Genocide in the Ukraine,” which highlighted “the classic example  
2 of Soviet genocide,” characterizing it “not simply a case of mass  
3 murder[, but as] a case of genocide, of destruction, not of  
4 individuals only, but of a culture and a nation”; and

5 WHEREAS, Ukraine’s law N 376-V “About the 1932–1933  
6 Holodomor in Ukraine” of November 28, 2006, gave official  
7 recognition to the Holodomor as an act of genocide against the  
8 Ukrainian people; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2006, President George W. Bush signed H.R.  
10 562 (Public Law 109-340) into law authorizing a Holodomor  
11 memorial in Washington, DC that was unveiled in November 2015;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In November 2022, President Joseph Biden made  
14 a statement to remember the Holodomor; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2018, the United States Senate signed Sen. Res.  
16 435 recognizing the 85th anniversary of the Ukrainian famine, and  
17 in 2008, the United States House of Representatives passed H.  
18 Res. 1314 recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Ukrainian  
19 famine; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature solemnly remembers the  
22 Holodomor of 1932 and 1933, and extends its deepest sympathies  
23 to the victims, survivors, and families of this tragedy; and be it  
24 further

25 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the Ukrainian famine  
26 of 1932–1933, known as the Holodomor, as a genocide of the  
27 Ukrainian people; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature condemns the systematic  
29 violations of human rights, including the freedom of  
30 self-determination and freedom of speech, of the Ukrainian people  
31 by the Soviet government; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages dissemination of  
33 information regarding the Ukrainian famine, known as Holodomor,  
34 in order to expand the world’s knowledge of this man-made  
35 tragedy; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of November  
37 2023, and annually thereafter, as Holodomor Memorial Month,  
38 and November 25, 2023, and the fourth Saturday of November  
39 annually thereafter, as Holodomor Memorial Day; and be it further

**SCR 89**

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- 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: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 89 (Dodd) – As Introduced August 15, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Holodomor Memorial Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares November 2023, and annually thereafter, as Holodomor Memorial Month; and, November 25, 2023, and the fourth Saturday of November annually thereafter, as Holodomor Memorial Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 1932 and 1933, an estimated 3.5 million to 7 million, inclusive, Ukrainian people perished in a premeditated famine orchestrated by Joseph Stalin and the Soviet government in an attempt to break Ukraine’s resistance to collectivization and communist occupation.
- 2) The Soviet government deliberately confiscated grain harvests and starved millions of Ukrainian people through a policy of forced collectivization that sought to destroy the nationally conscious movement for independence.
- 3) Numerous scholars worldwide have worked to uncover the scale of the famine, including Canadian wheat expert Andrew Cairns, who visited Ukraine in 1932, where Ukrainian people told him that there was no grain “because the government had collected so much grain and exported it to” other parts of the Soviet Union, England, and Italy while denying food aid to the people of Ukraine.
- 4) Ukraine’s law N 376-V “About the 1932–1933 Holodomor in Ukraine” of November 28, 2006, gave official recognition to the Holodomor as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people.
- 5) In 2006, President George W. Bush signed H.R. 562 (Public Law 109-340) into law authorizing a Holodomor memorial in Washington, DC that was unveiled in November 2015. And, in November 2022, President Joseph Biden made a statement to remember the Holodomor.
- 6) The Legislature solemnly remembers the Holodomor of 1932 and 1933, and extends its deepest sympathies to the victims, survivors, and families of this tragedy; and, the Legislature encourages dissemination of information regarding the Ukrainian famine, known as Holodomor, in order to expand the world’s knowledge of this man-made tragedy.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 21, 2023

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 90**

**Introduced by Senator Rubio**

**(Principal coauthor: Senator Caballero)**

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August 16, 2023

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 90—Relative to National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 90, as amended, Rubio. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, October is annually recognized as National
- 2 Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Although progress has been made toward
- 4 preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support
- 5 to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done;
- 6 and

1 WHEREAS, Policymakers and communities must work together  
2 to transform the conditions that cause domestic violence and  
3 support survivor-centered solutions; and  
4 WHEREAS, Domestic violence programs in California provide  
5 essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and  
6 communities; and  
7 WHEREAS, There is a need to provide education, awareness,  
8 and understanding of domestic violence and its causes; and  
9 WHEREAS, There is a need to support and amplify prevention  
10 programs and community-based strategies to create healthy  
11 environments and decrease the likelihood of perpetration, thereby  
12 stopping domestic violence from occurring in the first place; and  
13 WHEREAS, There is a need to focus on the individualized needs  
14 of domestic violence survivors; and  
15 WHEREAS, Approximately 35 percent of women and 31 percent  
16 of men in California experience physical intimate partner violence  
17 in their lifetimes; and  
18 WHEREAS, California has higher rates of domestic violence  
19 experienced by both men and women when compared to the  
20 national average; and  
21 WHEREAS, Women between 18 and 24 years of age are  
22 significantly more likely to be survivors of physical intimate  
23 partner violence than women in other age groups; and  
24 WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects people of all genders,  
25 sexual orientations, and ages and all racial, ethnic, cultural, social,  
26 religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in  
27 California; and  
28 WHEREAS, The marginalization of certain groups in society,  
29 including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and  
30 people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to  
31 domestic violence; and  
32 WHEREAS, Approximately 4 out of every 10 non-Hispanic  
33 Black women, 4 out of every 10 American Indian or Alaska Native  
34 women, and one out of every two multiracial non-Hispanic women  
35 have been the victim of rape, physical violence, or stalking, or  
36 more than one of these, by an intimate partner in their lifetime.  
37 These rates are 30 to 50 percent higher than those experienced by  
38 Hispanic, White non-Hispanic women, and Asian or Pacific  
39 non-Hispanic women; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the American Psychological  
2 Association, women with disabilities have a 40 percent greater  
3 risk of intimate partner violence than women without disabilities;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Fifty-four percent of transgender and gender  
6 nonconforming people have experienced domestic violence in their  
7 ~~lifetime~~; *lifetimes*; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Domestic violence has a significant economic  
11 impact on women throughout the country. An estimated 8,000,000  
12 days of paid work are lost each year as the result of intimate partner  
13 violence. Domestic violence costs \$8,300,000,000 in expenses  
14 annually, a combination of higher medical costs (\$5,800,000,000)  
15 and lost productivity (\$2,500,000,000); and

16 WHEREAS, Children exposed to domestic violence can  
17 experience long-term consequences, including difficulty at school,  
18 substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious  
19 adult health problems; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognizing the need to understand the complexity  
21 of violence as perpetuated within communities and against  
22 communities, and the fear of many survivors to report to law  
23 enforcement; and

24 WHEREAS, Between 2021 and 2022, domestic violence shelter  
25 programs served 13,370 individuals in shelters and served 54,521  
26 individuals through non-shelter supportive services; and

27 WHEREAS, There were 84 domestic violence-related homicides  
28 in California in 2022, of which 63 of the fatalities were female  
29 and 21 were male; and

30 WHEREAS, All survivors deserve access to culturally  
31 responsive programs and services to increase their safety and  
32 self-sufficiency; and

33 WHEREAS, All communities deserve access to culturally  
34 responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall  
35 community health and safety by challenging the societal norms  
36 that perpetuate violence; and

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



1     *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
2     *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes October 2023,  
3     and each following October, as National Domestic Violence  
4     Awareness Month; and be it further  
5     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
6     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 90 (Rubio) – As Amended August 21, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

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

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- 2) There is a need to provide education, awareness, and understanding of domestic violence and its causes. Domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities.
- 3) Although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done. Policymakers and communities must work together to transform the conditions that cause domestic violence and support survivor-centered solutions.
- 4) There is a need to support and amplify prevention programs and community-based strategies to create healthy environments and decrease the likelihood of perpetration, thereby stopping domestic violence from occurring in the first place.
- 5) Domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, and ages and all racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California.
- 6) The marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence.
- 7) All survivors deserve access to culturally responsive programs and services to increase their safety and self-sufficiency.
- 8) All communities deserve access to culturally responsive prevention programs and initiatives to improve overall community health and safety by challenging the societal norms that perpetuate violence.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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