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Monday, March 4, 2024
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: 3/2/2024
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 2520, AB 2544, AB 2819, and AB 2917 has changed. AB 2571 has been removed from the referral list.

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03/04/2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 142

Introduced by Assembly Member Essayli

February 14, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 142—Relative to Ramadan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 142, as introduced, Essayli. Ramadan.

This measure would acknowledge the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and express the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world’s major religions and
2 part of our shared human heritage; and
3 WHEREAS, California’s Muslim community is one of the most
4 diverse in the nation, with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that
5 span the globe; and
6 WHEREAS, Muslims have a long history in the United States,
7 spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the
8 enslaved African people were said to be Muslim; and
9 WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation’s armed
10 forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the
11 American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some
12 Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and
13 WHEREAS, Muslims have contributed to social movements
14 throughout the history of the United States in order to work toward
15 justice, civil rights, and fair inclusion for all; and

1 WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our
2 present-day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant
3 role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and
4 political development; and

5 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1,000,000 Muslim
6 Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social
7 fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions; and

8 WHEREAS, The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard
9 work and contributions to medicine, science, information
10 technology, education, law enforcement, military, and many other
11 fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant,
12 and economically vibrant environment; and

13 WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build
14 communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual
15 renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express
16 gratitude in this month; and

17 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual
18 renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the
19 Muslim calendar year; and

20 WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim holy month of
21 Ramadan commences at dusk on March 10, 2024, and continues
22 for one lunar month, with Muslims fasting from sunrise to sunset
23 each day; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring,* That in observance of and out of respect for
26 the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting
27 and spiritual renewal, the Legislature acknowledges the onset of
28 Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims across
29 California and throughout the world on this significant occasion;
30 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: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 142 (Essayli) – As Introduced February 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Ramadan.

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and expresses the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Islam is one of the world’s major religions and part of our shared human heritage. California’s Muslim community is one of the most diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that span the globe.
- 2) From the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.
- 3) There are approximately one million Muslim Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions.
- 4) The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard work and contributions to medicine, science, information technology, education, law enforcement, military, and many other fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant, and economically vibrant environment.
- 5) Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, aid those in need, and marks an annual spiritual renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude in this month.
- 6) Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year.
- 7) The observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on March 10, 2024, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 144

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

February 15, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 144—Relative to California STEAM Robotics Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 144, as introduced, Maienschein. California STEAM Robotics Day.

This measure would proclaim March 23, 2024, as California STEAM Robotics Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Every American pupil deserves access to a
2 high-quality education in science, technology, engineering, and
3 mathematics (STEM) for their future, California’s future, and the
4 nation’s future; and

5 WHEREAS, There is a strong need to recognize California’s
6 STEM leadership in technological advancement, innovation
7 technology, and robotics; and

8 WHEREAS, An increased investment in STEM and robotics is
9 vital to ensure California pupils pursue careers in robotics and
10 other STEM-related fields; and

11 WHEREAS, Technological hubs such as the Cities of San
12 Francisco, San Jose (Silicon Valley), Oxnard, Los Angeles, and
13 San Diego and other communities are known across California for
14 their STEM influence, invention, and innovation; and

1 WHEREAS, Silicon Valley has driven innovation in
2 technological areas worldwide; and
3 WHEREAS, There has been a growing demand for STEM jobs
4 in the fields of engineering, biotechnology, and computer
5 programming in California; and
6 WHEREAS, STEM that includes the arts, better known as
7 science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM),
8 promotes the 21st-century skills of teamwork, problem solving,
9 and technological literacy; and
10 WHEREAS, FIRST[®] (For Inspiration and Recognition of
11 Science and Technology) is the world’s leading youth-serving
12 nonprofit advancing STEM education; and
13 WHEREAS, The mission of FIRST[®] is to inspire young people
14 to be science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging
15 them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science,
16 engineering, and technology skills that inspire innovation, and that
17 foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence,
18 communication, and leadership; and
19 WHEREAS, The vision of FIRST[®] is to transform our culture
20 by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated
21 and where young people dream of becoming science and
22 technology leaders; and
23 WHEREAS, FIRST[®] and robotics inspire young people to
24 become innovators and leaders in science and technology in
25 California; and
26 WHEREAS, The month of March coincides with multiple
27 robotics competitions held by FIRST[®]; now, therefore, be it
28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims March 23,
30 2024, as California STEAM Robotics Day to observe and celebrate
31 the advancements and innovations made in California and for the
32 pursuit of STEAM careers; and be it further
33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
34 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 144 (Maienschein) – As Introduced February 15, 2024

SUBJECT: California STEAM Robotics Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 23, 2024, as California STEAM Robotics Day to observe and celebrate the advancements and innovations made in California and for the pursuit of STEAM careers. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Every pupil deserves access to a high-quality education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for their future. STEM that includes the arts, better known as science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), promotes the 21st-century skills of teamwork, problem solving, and technological literacy.
- 2) There is a strong need to recognize California’s STEM leadership in technological advancement, innovation technology, and robotics.
- 3) An increased investment in STEM and robotics is vital to ensure California pupils pursue careers in robotics and other STEM-related fields. Technological hubs such as the Cities of San Francisco, San Jose (Silicon Valley), Oxnard, Los Angeles, San Diego, and other communities are known across California for their STEM influence and innovation.
- 4) There has been a growing demand for STEM jobs in the fields of engineering, biotechnology, and computer programming in California.
- 5) FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is the world’s leading youth-serving nonprofit advancing STEM education. The vision of FIRST® is to transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders.
- 6) The month of March coincides with multiple robotics competitions held by FIRST®.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 148

Introduced by Assembly Members Joe Patterson and Grayson

February 21, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 148—Relative to Down syndrome awareness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 148, as introduced, Joe Patterson. California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

This measure would proclaim the week of March 17, 2024, to March 23, 2024, inclusive as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2024, as California Down Syndrome Day, and would encourage all Californians to support and participate in related activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that
2 occurs in one out of every 700 to 1,000 births; and
3 WHEREAS, Down syndrome affects all races and ethnicities;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a
6 full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic
7 material alters the course of development and causes the
8 characteristics associated with Down syndrome; and
9 WHEREAS, Down syndrome causes delays in physical and
10 intellectual development and is the most common cause of
11 intellectual disabilities; and
12 WHEREAS, Down syndrome can also cause additional medical
13 problems, including, but not limited to, heart defects, hearing

1 problems, vision impairment, upper respiratory infections, and
2 intestinal and thyroid problems; and

3 WHEREAS, Adequate access to health care, early intervention
4 programs, and inclusive education, as well as appropriate research,
5 are vital to the growth and development of individuals with Down
6 syndrome; and

7 WHEREAS, The inherent dignity and worth of persons with
8 Down syndrome, their valuable contributions as promoters of
9 well-being and diversity of their communities, and the importance
10 of their individual autonomy and independence, including the
11 freedom to make their own choices, should be recognized; and

12 WHEREAS, Individuals with Down syndrome attend school,
13 work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful
14 relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many wonderful
15 ways; and

16 WHEREAS, This inclusiveness facilitates the participation of
17 individuals with Down syndrome in society and helps them fulfill
18 their personal potential; and

19 WHEREAS, The National Buddy Walk Program helps raise
20 awareness and funds for programs that benefit people with Down
21 syndrome and their families, and the Special Olympics raises
22 awareness and allows individuals with Down syndrome and other
23 intellectual disabilities to discover new strengths and abilities,
24 skills, and success; and

25 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly
26 declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day, to be observed
27 every year beginning in 2012, and invited all to observe World
28 Down Syndrome Day in order to raise public awareness of Down
29 syndrome; and

30 WHEREAS, The 21st day of the third month was selected to
31 signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome
32 that causes Down syndrome; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the week of March 17, 2024, to March
35 23, 2024, inclusive is proclaimed California Down Syndrome
36 Awareness Week, and March 21, 2024, is proclaimed California
37 Down Syndrome Day; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That all Californians are encouraged to support and
39 participate in related activities; 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: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 148 (Joe Patterson) – As Introduced February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 17, 2024, to March 23, 2024, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2024, as California Down Syndrome Day, and encourages all Californians to support and participate in related activities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

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

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 149

**Introduced by Assembly Members Gallagher, Calderon, Connolly,
Flora, and Haney**

February 26, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 149—Relative to Irish American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 149, as introduced, Gallagher. Irish American Heritage Month: 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland.

This measure would, among other things, designate March 2024 as Irish American Heritage Month in honor of the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland and would commemorate the multitude of contributions that Irish Americans have made to this country and state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The democratic expression of the people of
2 Ireland’s will in 1918 led directly to the establishment of an
3 independent state and enabled the people of Ireland to enjoy the
4 freedom they have today; and
5 WHEREAS, The First Dáil gave a voice to the people of
6 Ireland’s expression of self-determination in the 1918 general
7 election; and
8 WHEREAS, On January 21, 1919, the first meeting of the
9 unicameral parliament of the revolutionary Irish Republic, known
10 as the First Dáil Éireann, met in the City of Dublin’s Mansion

1 House to declare Ireland to be an independent nation and to
2 establish its alternative parliament; and

3 WHEREAS, The First Dáil produced a Declaration of
4 Independence and a Message to the Free Nations of the World;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The United States recognized and established
7 diplomatic relations with the Irish Free State in 1924; and

8 WHEREAS, The year of 2024 marks 100 years of diplomatic
9 relations between the United States and Ireland, a milestone that
10 will be celebrated in both countries; and

11 WHEREAS, On April 10, 1998, the Government of Ireland and
12 the Government of the United Kingdom signed the Good Friday
13 Agreement, also known as the “Belfast Agreement,” with the goals
14 of bringing a new era of devolved government and democracy to
15 Northern Ireland, ending violence, and ensuring peace for the
16 people on the island of Ireland; and

17 WHEREAS, The successful negotiation of the Good Friday
18 Agreement stands as a historic and groundbreaking success that
19 has proven critical to the decades of relative peace that have
20 followed; and

21 WHEREAS, The restoration of the Northern Ireland Assembly
22 and Executive, coupled with the economic opportunities that
23 Northern Ireland’s unique access to both the United Kingdom
24 internal market and the European Union single market provides,
25 paved the way for a thriving Irish economy; and

26 WHEREAS, Millions of Irish people, faced with severe hardship
27 due to famine and poverty in their nation, immigrated to the United
28 States over the last several centuries in search of a more promising
29 future for themselves and their families; and

30 WHEREAS, The journey to America from the Emerald Isle was
31 not paved with gold. The Irish spirit of determination, perseverance,
32 and grit prevailed against dangerous seas and deadly conditions
33 with their hearts set on the horizon; and

34 WHEREAS, Irish Americans initially suffered prejudice and
35 discrimination upon first arriving in the United States. As the years
36 went on, Irish Americans became deeply integrated in their
37 communities and made numerous contributions in all aspects of
38 American society and culture; and

39 WHEREAS, Irish Americans played vital roles in the
40 development of the United States. Nine Irish Americans were

1 signers of the Declaration of Independence, and 23 Presidents of
2 the United States have been of Irish heritage, including John F.
3 Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, Barack
4 Obama, and Joe Biden; and

5 WHEREAS, Many people of Irish descent have contributed to
6 great movements that have helped to shape our country and its
7 role in the world, including Mother Jones, labor activist; Kate
8 Kennedy, known for the “equal pay for equal work” campaign;
9 Lucy Burns, activist in the women’s suffrage movement; and
10 Senator George J. Mitchell, negotiator of the Belfast Agreement;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have also played a major role in
13 California politics as governors, legislative leaders, city mayors,
14 and other public officials, who have worked tirelessly to build
15 California into the state that it is today; and

16 WHEREAS, Irish Americans were significantly involved in the
17 development of infrastructure throughout the United States,
18 especially in the State of California. This included work on
19 railroads and bridges that connected the west to the east. The Irish
20 were also instrumental in the building of dams, roads, canals, and
21 buildings that expanded greatly in the late 1800s; and

22 WHEREAS, Many Irish Americans have made their mark as
23 peace officers and firefighters and have risked or lost their lives
24 on countless occasions in carrying out their duties; and

25 WHEREAS, Many outstanding soldiers, never to be forgotten,
26 who fought for American freedom in the Revolutionary War were
27 of Irish descent. Irish Americans have proudly served with
28 distinction in every war that this nation has fought and continue
29 to do so today; and

30 WHEREAS, Many Irish Americans have contributed greatly to
31 the United States economy in business, including: Alexander
32 Turney Stewart, the inventor of the American department store;
33 Cathleen Black, former president of Hearst Publishing; Jack Welch,
34 former president and chief executive officer of General Electric;
35 Herb Kelleher, cofounder of Southwest Airlines; John Donahoe,
36 chief executive officer of Nike, Inc.; Conrad Burke, founder of
37 Innovalight, Inc.; Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Company;
38 Richard and Maurice McDonald, founders of McDonald’s fast
39 food; and Maggie Sullivan Wilderotter, chair of DocuSign; and

1 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to the field of
2 science, including: astronaut Michael Collins; the first female
3 commander of a space shuttle, Eileen Collins; physicist and Nobel
4 Laureate Charles H. Townes; and bioengineer and MacArthur
5 “Genius Grant” recipient James Collins; and

6 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to the American
7 literary tradition through great authors, including Flannery
8 O’Connor, Eugene O’Neill, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Mary McCarthy,
9 Tom Clancy, and Frank McCourt; and

10 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to American
11 entertainment with such stars as actors Jack Nicholson, John
12 Wayne, and George Clooney; actor and comedian Bill Murray;
13 actress Grace Kelly; actress and comedian Rosie O’Donnell; actor
14 and singer Bing Crosby; actress and singer Rosemary Clooney;
15 actress and singer Judy Garland; comedian Conan O’Brien; and
16 actor and director Edward Burns, all being of Irish heritage; and

17 WHEREAS, There is significant economic reciprocity between
18 California and Ireland, including Ireland as the seventh largest
19 source of foreign direct investment through wholly foreign-owned
20 enterprises in California, and there is work underway to further
21 build these relationships; and

22 WHEREAS, There exists a longstanding and richly multifaceted
23 relationship between California and Ireland. The first Consulate
24 General of Ireland opened in the City of San Francisco in 1933
25 and the second Consulate General of Ireland opened in the City
26 of Los Angeles in 2019, which reinforces the strong and vibrant
27 connections between California and Ireland built on shared
28 heritage, values, and ambition; and

29 WHEREAS, Today, over 35,000,000 Americans claim Irish
30 heritage, and they continue to contribute to the politics, economy,
31 and culture of the United States and California; now, therefore, be
32 it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature, in honor of 100th
35 anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and
36 Ireland and the multitude of contributions that Irish Americans
37 have made to make this a better country and state for all people,
38 designates March 2024 to be Irish American Heritage Month in
39 California, and calls upon the people of the state to observe the
40 month of March with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and

1 activities, especially on March 17, because everyone is Irish on
2 St. Patrick's Day; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to Ireland's Ambassador to the United States,
5 Geraldine Byrne Nason; Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann, Seán
6 Ó Fearghaíl; Cathaoirleach of Seanad Éireann, Jerry Buttimer;
7 Ireland's Consul General to the Western United States, Micheál
8 Smith; and to the author for further appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 149 (Gallagher) – As Introduced February 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Irish American Heritage Month: 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland.

SUMMARY: Designates March 2024 as Irish American Heritage Month in California; and, honors the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland, and the multitude of contributions that Irish Americans have made to make this a better country and state for all people. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The democratic expression of the people of Ireland’s will in 1918 led directly to the establishment of an independent state and enabled the people of Ireland to enjoy the freedom they have today.
- 2) The First Dáil gave a voice to the people of Ireland’s expression of self-determination in the 1918 general election. On January 21, 1919, the first meeting of the unicameral parliament of the revolutionary Irish Republic, known as the First Dáil Éireann, met in the City of Dublin’s Mansion House to declare Ireland to be an independent nation and to establish its alternative parliament.
- 3) The United States recognized and established diplomatic relations with the Irish Free State in 1924. Millions of Irish people, faced with severe hardship due to famine and poverty in their nation, immigrated to the United States over the last several centuries in search of a more promising future for themselves and their families.
- 4) Irish Americans initially suffered prejudice and discrimination upon first arriving in the United States. As the years went on, Irish Americans became deeply integrated in their communities and made numerous contributions in all aspects of American society and culture.
- 5) Irish Americans played vital roles in the development of the United States. Nine Irish Americans were signers of the Declaration of Independence, and 23 Presidents of the United States have been of Irish heritage, including John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Joe Biden.
- 6) Irish Americans have also played a major role in California politics as governors, legislative leaders, city mayors, and other public officials, who have worked tirelessly to build California into the state that it is today.
- 7) Irish Americans were significantly involved in the development of infrastructure throughout the United States, especially in the State of California, including work on railroads and bridges that connected the west to the east.
- 8) Many Irish Americans have made their mark as peace officers and firefighters and have risked or lost their lives on countless occasions in carrying out their duties.

- 9) Today, over 35 million Americans claim Irish heritage, and they continue to contribute to the politics, economy and culture of the United States and California.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 150

Introduced by Assembly Member Stephanie Nguyen

February 26, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 150—Relative to
Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 150, as introduced, Stephanie Nguyen. Developmental
Disabilities Awareness Month

This measure would, among other things, recognize the month of
March 2024 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, March is recognized nationwide as Developmental
2 Disabilities Awareness Month, which honors the progress in, and
3 opportunities for, supporting community life for people with
4 developmental disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Congress enacted the
6 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of
7 2000, and a precursor in 1975, to ensure that individuals with
8 developmental disabilities and their families can access quality
9 services that promote self-determination, independence,
10 productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community
11 life; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1965, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 691
13 of the 1965 Regular Session, authored by Assembly Member
14 Waldie, with two pilot regional centers opening in 1966 to provide
15 community services to people with developmental disabilities,

1 which was expanded statewide in 1969 as the Lanterman
2 Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act); and

3 WHEREAS, Through the Lanterman Act, the state has
4 empowered people with developmental disabilities to lead lives
5 of greater inclusion and self-direction in communities of their
6 choosing for nearly 60 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Those disabilities are defined as autism, epilepsy,
8 cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, and conditions that are either
9 closely related to, or require similar services as, intellectual
10 disability, and significantly impact the life of the individual; and

11 WHEREAS, The Lanterman Act now benefits over 430,000
12 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; and

13 WHEREAS, Regional centers across the state and their frontline
14 service coordinators are lifelong connections to services that make
15 having a good quality of life possible; and

16 WHEREAS, The work completed within regional centers is
17 intended to provide visibility to developmental disabilities in early
18 childhood years and increase access to early intervention services;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The daily lives of people with developmental
21 disabilities and their families are founded on the work of direct
22 support professionals and over 40,000 service providers; and

23 WHEREAS, Regional centers and service providers continue
24 to develop new and existing modes of service that are culturally
25 competent; and

26 WHEREAS, People with developmental disabilities, including
27 self-advocates, are the most important drivers of change in our
28 system, which prioritizes individuals' self-expressed needs,
29 interests, and goals; and

30 WHEREAS, The ways in which people with developmental
31 disabilities thrive in the community are changing and expanding,
32 including through the federal Home and Community-Based
33 Services Final Rule, the Self-Determination Program, competitive
34 integrated employment, and person-centered service modalities;
35 now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
38 March 2024 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and
39 be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature salutes the self-advocates and
2 their families who are critical to informing every element of this
3 system, as well as the state, of their perspectives, goals, and desires,
4 providing an authentic and lived experience to shape how people
5 with developmental disabilities are served; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends the direct support
7 professionals, service coordinators, regional centers, and service
8 providers for their work; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Legislature honors the work of families in
10 their love and commitment to their family members with
11 developmental disabilities; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 150 (Stephanie Nguyen) – As Introduced February 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of March 2024 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and, salutes the self-advocates and their families who are critical to informing every element of this system, as well as the state, of their perspectives, goals, and desires, providing an authentic and lived experience to shape how people with developmental disabilities are served. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March is recognized nationwide as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, which honors the progress in, and opportunities for, supporting community life for people with developmental disabilities.
- 2) In 1965, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 691 of the 1965 Regular Session, authored by Assembly Member Waldie, with two pilot regional centers opening in 1966 to provide community services to people with developmental disabilities, which was expanded statewide in 1969 as the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act).
- 3) Through the Lanterman Act, the state has empowered people with developmental disabilities to lead lives of greater inclusion and self-direction in communities of their choosing for nearly 60 years.
- 4) Those disabilities are defined as autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, and conditions that are either closely related to, or require similar services as, intellectual disability, and significantly impact the life of the individual.
- 5) The Lanterman Act now benefits over 430,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Regional centers across the state and their frontline service coordinators are lifelong connections to services that make having a good quality of life possible.
- 6) The daily lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families are founded on the work of direct support professionals and over 40,000 service providers. Regional centers and service providers continue to develop new and existing modes of service that are culturally competent.
- 7) People with developmental disabilities, including self-advocates, are the most important drivers of change in our system, which prioritizes individuals' self-expressed needs, interests, and goals.
- 8) The ways in which people with developmental disabilities thrive in the community are changing and expanding, including through the federal Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule, the Self-Determination Program, competitive integrated employment, and person-centered service modalities.

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. 74

**Introduced by Assembly Member Soria
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Connolly,
Jones-Sawyer, and Villapudua)**

February 26, 2024

House Resolution No. 74—Relative to California Agriculture Day.

1 WHEREAS, March 19, 2024, is designated as California
2 Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture’s
3 importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians
4 nourished, and its role in keeping the state’s economy ranked as
5 the fifth largest in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The theme of California Agriculture Day 2024 is
7 “Next-Gen Tools, Talent & Tech” in recognition of the crucial
8 role California’s agricultural community plays in leading and
9 feeding the world due to its focus on innovation, science and
10 research, preparing the workforce of the future, and adoption of
11 climate smart practices; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than 60 consecutive years, California
13 has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing
14 more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for over
15 one-third of vegetables and nearly three-quarters of the fruits and
16 nuts produced in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Farming and related industries employ more than
18 22.1 million people, making up over 10.4 percent of employment
19 in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, California’s agricultural community relies on a
21 vital infrastructure that aids in the exclusion and early detection

1 of plant and animal pests and diseases that impact public health,
2 the environment, and commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, The inexhaustible efforts of millions of
4 farmworkers have contributed greatly to the success of the industry;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Today’s agricultural industry offers over 200
7 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm
8 cultivation to food science and engineering; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, advances in
10 agricultural production have resulted in a drop in consumer
11 spending on food products from 22 percent of average household
12 disposable income in 1949 to 11.3 percent in 2022; and

13 WHEREAS, California is the nation’s leader in agricultural
14 exports, shipping \$22.5 billion in food and agricultural
15 commodities around the world in 2021, which represents a 7
16 percent increase from the previous year; and

17 WHEREAS, California is the nation’s sole exporter of many
18 agricultural commodities, supplying 99 percent or more of the
19 nation’s exported almonds, artichokes, dates, figs, garlic, kiwis,
20 olives and olive oil, pistachios, prunes, raisins, table grapes,
21 tomatoes for processing, and walnuts; and

22 WHEREAS, California’s agricultural industry constantly seeks
23 to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production
24 and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing
25 consumer needs and complex world markets; and

26 WHEREAS, Science, technology, and innovation have enabled
27 California agriculture to continually improve quality, safety, and
28 consumer product choice, and drive advancements in organic
29 production, reduced water use, and more sustainable pest
30 management practices, including biological controls; and

31 WHEREAS, California agriculture has provided strong
32 leadership in the adoption of climate-smart practices to reduce
33 methane and other greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy
34 efficiency, save water, and scale up soil health practices to
35 sequester carbon and other solutions to climate change; and

36 WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are continually being
37 developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices
38 on the farm, in transit, and during processing; and

39 WHEREAS, California consumers say that it is important to
40 them to purchase food items grown in the state and they have

1 demonstrated increased support of farmers’ markets,
2 community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm to School
3 programs; and

4 WHEREAS, A broad approach to agricultural education is vital
5 to ensuring that California agricultural farms and ranches continue
6 to flourish; and

7 WHEREAS, California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of
8 agricultural land by 2050, and more than 300,000 acres of it will
9 have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California
10 should continue to work for conservation to preserve California’s
11 agricultural heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize
13 our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in
14 providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
17 Assembly recognizes and honors all those who work in California
18 agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating
19 Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as California Agriculture Day and by
20 observing March 19, 2024, as National Agriculture Day; and be
21 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 74 (Soria) – As Introduced February 26, 2024

SUBJECT: California Agriculture Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as California Agriculture Day and by observing March 19, 2024, as National Agriculture Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March 19, 2024, is designated as California Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture’s importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians nourished, and its role in keeping the state’s economy ranked as the fifth largest in the world.
- 2) The theme of California Agriculture Day 2024 is “Next-Gen Tools, Talent & Tech” in recognition of the crucial role California’s agricultural community plays in leading and feeding the world due to its focus on innovation, science and research, preparing the workforce of the future, and adoption of climate smart practices.
- 3) For more than 60 consecutive years, California has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for over one-third of vegetables and nearly three-quarters of the fruits and nuts produced in the United States.
- 4) Farming and related industries employ more than 22.1 million people, making up over 10.4 percent of employment in the United States.
- 5) Today’s agricultural industry offers over 200 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering.
- 6) California is the nation’s leader in agricultural exports, shipping \$22.5 billion of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2021.
- 7) California is the nation’s sole exporter of many agricultural commodities, supplying 99 percent or more of the nation’s exported almonds, artichokes, dates, figs, garlic, kiwis, olives and olive oil, pistachios, prunes, raisins, table grapes, tomatoes for processing, and walnuts.
- 8) California’s agricultural industry constantly seeks to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world markets.
- 9) Science, technology, and innovation have enabled California agriculture to continually improve quality, safety, and consumer product choice, and drive advancements in organic production, reduced water use, and more sustainable pest management practices, including biological controls.

- 10) Public-private partnerships are continually being developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices on the farm, in transit, and during processing.
- 11) California consumers say that it is important to them to purchase food items grown in the state and they have demonstrated increased support of farmers' markets, community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm to School programs.
- 12) California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of agricultural land by 2050, and more than 300,000 acres of it will have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California should continue to work for conservation to preserve California's agricultural heritage.

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. 75

Introduced by Assembly Member Soria

February 26, 2024

House Resolution No. 75—Relative to Groundwater Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, Groundwater is a vital natural resource essential
2 to the health, safety, and prosperity of both urban and rural
3 California residents and to the functioning of California’s many
4 industries, including agriculture; and

5 WHEREAS, Groundwater accounts for 41 percent of the state’s
6 total annual water supply on average, and as much as 58 percent
7 of the total annual water supply in critically dry years; and

8 WHEREAS, About 83 percent of Californians depend on
9 groundwater for some portion of their water supply, and many
10 communities are 100 percent reliant on groundwater for all of their
11 water needs; and

12 WHEREAS, As climate change leads to reduced snowpack and
13 reduced availability of water in California’s streams and rivers,
14 the demand for groundwater to fulfill California’s water needs will
15 only increase with time; and

16 WHEREAS, The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
17 (SGMA) (Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division
18 6 of the Water Code) was passed into law in September 2014,
19 establishing a new structure for the management of groundwater
20 resources in California while clearly recognizing that groundwater
21 management is most effectively and efficiently accomplished
22 locally; and

1 WHEREAS, In their efforts to implement SGMA, groundwater
2 sustainability agencies throughout the state are creating and
3 implementing groundwater sustainability plans to sustainably
4 manage groundwater basins through efforts like reductions to
5 groundwater pumping, the development and implementation of
6 projects that benefit the overall sustainability of our water supply,
7 and protecting and replenishing groundwater aquifers; and

8 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 685 (Chapter 524 of the Statutes of
9 2012) was passed into law in September 2012, making California
10 the first state in the nation to recognize that “every human being
11 has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water
12 adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes”;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The ongoing responsible management of
15 groundwater will be crucial in meeting both the requirements of
16 SGMA and ensuring every Californian’s right to water; and

17 WHEREAS, The National Ground Water Association declares
18 that a full week of March each year shall be known as Groundwater
19 Awareness Week to bring awareness through education and public
20 outreach to the importance of effective management, protection,
21 and conservation of groundwater resources; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
23 *Assembly hereby recognizes and declares March 10, 2024, through*
24 *March 16, 2024, as Groundwater Awareness Week; and be it*
25 *further*

26 *Resolved, That the Assembly seeks to raise awareness about the*
27 *importance of groundwater resources to California as a state and*
28 *the people that rely on groundwater for their basic and fundamental*
29 *human needs; and be it further*

30 *Resolved, That the Assembly is committed to proactive*
31 *leadership in the management of those resources; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 75 (Soria) – As Introduced February 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Groundwater Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares March 10, 2024, through March 16, 2024, as Groundwater Awareness Week, to raise awareness about the importance of groundwater resources to California as a state and the people that rely on groundwater for their basic and fundamental human needs. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Groundwater is a vital natural resource essential to the health, safety, and prosperity of both urban and rural California residents and to the functioning of California’s many industries, including agriculture.
- 2) Groundwater accounts for 41 percent of the state’s total annual water supply on average, and as much as 58 percent of the total annual water supply in critically dry years. About 83 percent of Californians depend on groundwater for some portion of their water supply, and many communities are 100 percent reliant on groundwater for all of their water needs.
- 3) As climate change leads to reduced snowpack and reduced availability of water in California’s streams and rivers, the demand for groundwater to fulfill California’s water needs will only increase with time.
- 4) The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division 6 of the Water Code) was passed into law in September 2014, establishing a new structure for the management of groundwater resources in California while clearly recognizing that groundwater management is most effectively and efficiently accomplished locally.
- 5) In their efforts to implement SGMA, groundwater sustainability agencies throughout the state are creating and implementing groundwater sustainability plans to sustainably manage groundwater basins through efforts like reductions to groundwater pumping, the development and implementation of projects that benefit the overall sustainability of our water supply, and protecting and replenishing groundwater aquifers.
- 6) Assembly Bill 685 (Chapter 524 of the Statutes of 2012) was passed into law in September 2012, making California the first state in the nation to recognize that “every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes”.
- 7) The ongoing responsible management of groundwater will be crucial in meeting both the requirements of SGMA and ensuring every Californian’s right to water.
- 8) The National Ground Water Association declares that a full week of March each year shall be known as Groundwater Awareness Week to bring awareness through education and public outreach to the importance of effective management, protection, and conservation of groundwater resources.

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 Seyarto
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Pellerin)

May 2, 2023

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to Suicide Prevention Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 61, as introduced, Seyarto. Suicide Prevention Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of September 4, 2023, through September 10, 2023, as Suicide Prevention Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California recognizes suicide as a public health
- 2 problem and suicide prevention as a statewide responsibility; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Designating the second week of September as
- 4 “Suicide Prevention Week in California” would overlap with World
- 5 Suicide Prevention Day, which occurs on September 10, 2023,
- 6 and is recognized internationally and supported by the World
- 7 Health Organization; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Suicide is the 12th leading cause of all deaths in
- 9 the United States and the 44th leading cause of all deaths in
- 10 California; and
- 11 WHEREAS, On average, 130 people commit suicide every day
- 12 in the United States, which equals approximately one person every
- 13 11 minutes; and
- 14 WHEREAS, In the United States, rates of suicide are highest
- 15 among people from 45 to 54 years of age, and rates of suicide
- 16 among youth who are from 15 to 24 years of age have increased
- 17 more than 200 percent in the last 50 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Each day, an estimated 17 veterans in the United
2 States commit suicide, which equals approximately one veteran
3 every 85 minutes; and
4 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are 5.4 million people in
5 the United States, known as survivors of suicide, who have lost a
6 loved one to suicide; and
7 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 Pandemic increased many of the
8 risk factors associated with suicidal behavior including adverse
9 mental health conditions, substance misuse, and job or financial
10 stress; and
11 WHEREAS, A great number of suicides are preventable; and
12 WHEREAS, Most suicidal people display warning signals of
13 their intentions; however, others are often unaware of these signals
14 or unsure what to do about them; and
15 WHEREAS, The stigma associated with mental illness and
16 suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons
17 at risk for suicide from seeking lifesaving help and further
18 traumatizes survivors of suicide; and
19 WHEREAS, The State of California established the State
20 Department of Health Care Services-Suicide Prevention Program
21 (SPP), published the California Strategic Plan on Suicide
22 Prevention in 2008, and has supported multiple statewide and local
23 projects launched under the Mental Health Services Act
24 (Proposition 63); and
25 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the efforts of
26 organizations such as the American Association of Suicidology
27 that are dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts
28 and deaths and the pain of survivors of suicide through educational
29 programs, research programs, intervention services, and
30 bereavement services; and
31 WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Week in California is a time
32 to acknowledge the tragic loss of individuals who have committed
33 suicide and to commemorate the actions of organizations and
34 individuals working to prevent suicide and raise awareness of
35 suicide as a public health issue; now, therefore, be it
36 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
37 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
38 week of September 4, 2023, through September 10, 2023, as
39 “Suicide Prevention Week in California”; 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: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 61 (Seyarto) – As Introduced May 2, 2023

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of September 4, 2023, through September 10, 2023, as Suicide Prevention Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California recognizes suicide as a public health problem and suicide prevention as a statewide responsibility.
- 2) Designating the second week of September as “Suicide Prevention Week in California” would overlap with World Suicide Prevention Day, which occurs on September 10, 2023, and is recognized internationally and supported by the World Health Organization.
- 3) Suicide is the 12th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 44th leading cause of all deaths in California. On average, 130 people commit suicide every day in the United States, which equals approximately one person every 11 minutes.
- 4) A great number of suicides are preventable. Most suicidal people display warning signals of their intentions; however, others are often unaware of these signals or unsure what to do about them.
- 5) The stigma associated with mental illness and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide.
- 6) Suicide Prevention Week in California is a time to acknowledge the tragic loss of individuals who have committed suicide and to commemorate the actions of organizations and individuals working to prevent suicide and raise awareness of suicide as a public health issue.

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 Dodd

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Caballero, Limón, Niello, Portantino, Roth, and Seyarto)

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January 30, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 105—Relative to Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 105, as introduced, Dodd. Public health: eating disorders.

This resolution would designate the week beginning on February 26, 2024, and the last week of February hereafter, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Eating Disorders Awareness Week raises critical
- 2 awareness about the realities of eating disorders while providing
- 3 hope, support, and visibility to individuals with eating disorders
- 4 and their families; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are serious conditions that are
- 6 potentially life threatening and have a great impact on both a
- 7 person’s physical and emotional health. Too often, signs and
- 8 symptoms are overlooked, and many individuals, families, and
- 9 communities are unaware of the devastating mental and physical
- 10 consequences of eating disorders, as well as the pressures, attitudes,
- 11 and behaviors that shape them; and

1 WHEREAS, In the United States, 28,800,000 men and women
2 will suffer from clinically significant eating disorders at some time
3 in their life. These disorders affect people of all backgrounds and
4 include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, unspecified feeding or
5 eating disorders, avoidant restrictive food intake disorder, other
6 specified feeding or eating disorders, binge eating disorders,
7 rumination disorder, and pica; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Eating Disorders Association strives
9 to address the many misconceptions regarding eating disorders
10 and to highlight the availability of resources for treatment and
11 support; and

12 WHEREAS, Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a
13 collaborative effort consisting primarily of volunteers, including
14 eating disorder professionals, health care providers, students,
15 educators, social workers, and individuals committed to raising
16 awareness of the dangers surrounding eating disorders and the
17 need for early intervention and treatment access; and

18 WHEREAS, Eating disorders usually appear in adolescence, in
19 which 95 percent of people with eating disorders are between 12
20 and 25 years of age, and are associated with substantial
21 psychological problems, including depression, substance abuse,
22 and suicide. Eating disorders are serious illnesses, not lifestyle
23 choices, caused by a combination of biological, psychological,
24 and sociocultural factors. In fact, eating disorders have the second
25 highest mortality rate of any mental health disorders, and anorexia
26 has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and

27 WHEREAS, Many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and
28 less than one-third of youth with eating disorders will receive
29 treatment; and

30 WHEREAS, Eating disorders experts have found that prompt
31 intensive treatment significantly improves the chances of recovery.
32 Therefore, it is important for educators, medical providers, parents,
33 and community members to be aware of the warning signs and the
34 symptoms of eating disorders; and

35 WHEREAS, Eating Disorders Awareness Week will encourage
36 people to share their stories and experiences with eating disorders
37 and body image struggles, highlight the importance of screenings
38 for the early detection and intervention of eating disorders, dispel
39 myths, and present eating disorders as a public health issue that

1 affects all kinds of people, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity,
2 size, weight, or background; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the vital work
4 of Eating Disorders Awareness Week in promoting public and
5 media attention to the seriousness of eating disorders and for
6 working to improve education about their biological and
7 environmental causes, as well as how to help those who are
8 struggling with these debilitating diseases; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the week of
11 February 26, 2024, to March 3, 2024, inclusive, and the last week
12 of February hereafter, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in the
13 State of California; and be it further

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

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18 **CORRECTIONS:**

19 **Heading—Lines 2 and 6.**

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Date of Hearing: March 4, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 105 (Dodd) – As Introduced January 30, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Public health: eating disorders.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of February 26, 2024, to March 3, 2023, inclusive, and the last week of February hereafter, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Eating Disorders Awareness Week raises critical awareness about the realities of eating disorders while providing hope, support, and visibility to individuals with eating disorders and their families.
- 2) Eating disorders are serious conditions that are potentially life-threatening and have a great impact on both a person's physical and emotional health. Too often, signs and symptoms are overlooked, and many individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of eating disorders, as well as the pressures, attitudes, and behaviors that shape them.
- 3) In the United States, 28.8 million men and women will suffer from clinically significant eating disorders at some time in their life. These disorders affect people of all backgrounds and include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, unspecified feeding or eating disorders, avoidant restrictive food intake disorder, other specified feeding or eating disorders, binge eating disorders, rumination disorder, and pica.
- 4) Eating disorders usually appear in adolescence, in which 95 percent of people with eating disorders are between 12 and 25 years of age, and are associated with substantial psychological problems, including depression, substance abuse, and suicide. Eating disorders are serious illnesses, not lifestyle choices. In fact, eating disorders have the second highest mortality rate of any mental health disorders, and anorexia has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness.
- 5) Many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and less than one-third of youth with eating disorders will receive treatment. Eating disorders experts have found that prompt intensive treatment significantly improves the chances of recovery. Therefore, it is important for educators, medical providers, parents, and community members to be aware of the warning signs and the symptoms of eating disorders.
- 6) Eating Disorders Awareness Week will encourage people to share their stories and experiences with eating disorders and body image struggles, highlight the importance of screenings for the early detection and intervention of eating disorders, dispel myths, and present eating disorders as a public health issue that affects all kinds of people, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, size, weight, or background.

- 7) The State of California recognizes the vital work of Eating Disorders Awareness Week in promoting public and media attention to the seriousness of eating disorders and for working to improve education about their biological and environmental causes, as well as how to help those who are struggling with these debilitating diseases.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California State Treasurer Fiona Ma

Opposition

None file

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



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February 21, 2024

The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senate
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RE: CO-SPONSOR: SCR 105 – EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

Dear Senator Dodd,

I am writing to express my utmost support as a co-sponsor for your **Senate Concurrent Resolution 105 (SCR 105)**, which will proclaim the week of February 26, 2024, to March 3, 2024, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week serves to further the conversation around eating disorders. Eating disorders are shrouded in stigma, secrecy, and stereotypes, and the goal of this year's campaign is to shine a light on these deadly illnesses, dispel misinformation, and connect people with the support they need to recover.

Eating disorders are serious conditions that are potentially life-threatening and have a great impact on both a person's physical and emotional health. That is why during my tenure in the Assembly, I proudly authored a similar resolution to raise awareness of how detrimental these disorders are in our communities, and why I am proud to co-sponsor SCR 105 today.

In the United States, 28.8 million Americans will struggle with an eating disorder at some time in their life. These disorders affect people across all backgrounds and include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders.

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a collaborative effort consisting primarily of volunteers, including eating disorder professionals such as the National Eating Disorder Association, health care providers, students, educators, social workers, and individuals committed to raising awareness of the dangers surrounding eating disorders and the need for early intervention and treatment access.

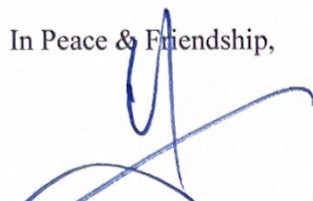
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SCR 105 recognizes the vital work of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week in promoting public and media attention to the seriousness of eating disorders and for working to improve education about their biological and environmental causes, as well as how to help those who are struggling with these debilitating diseases.

For these reasons, I am pleased to co-sponsor SCR 105. Please do not hesitate to contact Connie Chan, my Legislative Analyst, with any questions at (916) 616-1970. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

In Peace & Friendship,



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California State Treasurer