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State Capitol, Room 126

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/20/2024
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 1777, AB 2020, and AB 2537 has changed. AB 2829 has been removed from the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/21/2024

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

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 157

Introduced by Assembly Member Pacheco

March 6, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 157—Relative to adult education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 157, as introduced, Pacheco. Adult Education Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of April 7 through April 13, 2024, as Adult Education Week, and would salute the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education programs statewide, honoring their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California will observe April 7 through
2 April 13, 2024, as Adult Education Week, recognizing the unique
3 accomplishments of California adult schools; and

4 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature acknowledges
5 that K–12-based adult schools offer quality programs to meet the
6 ever-changing economic and workforce development and lifelong
7 learning needs of our diverse state; and

8 WHEREAS, The first recorded adult education class in
9 California was held in the basement of St. Mary’s Cathedral in
10 San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San
11 Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian,
12 and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer
13 teacher for the class, later became a California State Superintendent
14 of Public Instruction; and

1 WHEREAS, Most students served through adult education deal
2 with illiteracy, poverty, and high unemployment, and are the most
3 negatively impacted group when the state faces economic, social,
4 and health challenges, most recently seen through the impact of
5 the COVID-19 pandemic; and

6 WHEREAS, Adult schools have been used on numerous
7 occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social,
8 political, and economic issues through job training programs during
9 World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and, most recently,
10 the Great Recession; and

11 WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggest
12 challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the
13 state and the nation in 2008–09. Funding that was previously
14 reserved for adult education was redistributed to other levels of
15 education in the state, resulting in many adult schools decreasing
16 in size and some closing; and

17 WHEREAS, Over 66 percent of adult learners enrolled in adult
18 schools across California during the 2022–23 school year were
19 between 25 and 54 years of age, making them very likely to have
20 children in our public school system. The impact of adult education
21 is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners
22 who have been characterized as a priority of the Governor and the
23 Legislature; and

24 WHEREAS, In the 2022–23 school year, adult education
25 provided over 42,000,000 reportable hours of instruction to
26 California’s adults; and

27 WHEREAS, Adult schools are a primary community resource
28 for the teaching and instruction of adult literacy, working in
29 collaboration with community colleges, community centers, and
30 libraries; and

31 WHEREAS, In the 2022–23 school year, over 113,000 adult
32 learners enrolled in high school diploma or equivalency classes
33 and another 69,000 enrolled in adult basic education classes. Adult
34 schools provide a way for adults to complete secondary studies
35 and obtain a high school diploma or equivalency at their own pace,
36 and to prepare for and transition to postsecondary education and
37 career training; and

38 WHEREAS, Adult schools provide critical opportunities to
39 bring recent school dropouts back to school; and

1 WHEREAS, In the 2022–23 school year, over 257,000 adult
2 learners enrolled in English as a Second Language classes. Adult
3 schools provide instruction to those in the state who need English
4 as a Second Language and citizenship courses, and play a key role
5 in immigrant integration and the path to United States citizenship,
6 which is so important for our diverse communities and in this time
7 of immigration reform; and

8 WHEREAS, Adult schools, recognizing that to break the cycle
9 of illiteracy and to support educational equity for all our children
10 we must focus on educating parents, provide programs in family
11 literacy at elementary schools in conjunction with
12 community-based organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, In the 2022–23 school year, nearly 110,000 adult
14 learners enrolled in career training classes. Adult schools provide
15 short-term career and technical training for adults seeking changes
16 or enhancements in their career pathway, especially for highly
17 educated immigrants from other countries to integrate and use their
18 prior skills and experience; and

19 WHEREAS, In the 2022–23 school year, over 7,000 adults were
20 served in programs designed for adults with intellectual or
21 developmental disabilities; and

22 WHEREAS, Adult schools in California were saved from the
23 brink of closure across the state as a result of the Legislature and
24 administration establishing the California Adult Education Program
25 in 2015 that is helping to restore access and programming for adult
26 learners with planning and collaboration on a regional scale; and

27 WHEREAS, Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, adult schools
28 continued to provide critical programming and services to adult
29 education students and their families via literacy and basic skills
30 to help ensure K–12 students were successful as they navigated
31 the challenge of distance learning to finish the school year; and

32 WHEREAS, Amid the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing today,
33 adult schools provide important short-term career training
34 programs, including for critical health care positions, to address
35 both the short- and long-term impacts of the pandemic and to
36 respond to Governor Gavin Newsom’s charge to meet the moment
37 and address the needs of our communities; and

38 WHEREAS, Adult schools in California are diverse places of
39 learning for students safe from discrimination and bullying that

1 seek to support all students regardless of their ethnicity, race, faith,
2 and orientation; and

3 WHEREAS, The California Adult Education Program celebrates
4 its 10th anniversary this year, having been established in law in
5 2014; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby proclaim the
8 week of April 7 through April 13, 2024, as Adult Education Week
9 and salutes the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and
10 students of adult education programs statewide, honoring their
11 efforts, persistence, and accomplishments; 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 21, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 157 (Pacheco) – As Introduced March 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Adult Education Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of April 7, 2024, through April 13, 2024, as Adult Education Week, and salutes the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education programs statewide for their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 2) Adult schools have been used on numerous occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and economic issues through job training programs during World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and most recently, the Great Recession.
- 3) Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-09. Funding that was previously reserved for adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, resulting in many adult schools decreasing in size and some closing.
- 4) Most students served through adult education deal with illiteracy, poverty, and high unemployment, and are the most negatively impacted group when the state faces economic, social, and health challenges, most recently seen through the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 5) Over 66 percent of adult learners enrolled in adult schools across California during the 2022–23 school year were between 25 and 54 years of age, making them very likely to have children in our public school system. The impact of adult education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners who have been characterized as a priority of the Governor and the Legislature.
- 6) Adult schools, recognizing that to break the cycle of illiteracy and to support educational equity for all our children we must focus on educating parents, provide programs in family literacy at elementary schools in conjunction with community-based organizations.
- 7) Adult schools in California are diverse places of learning for students safe from discrimination and bullying that seek to support all students regardless of their ethnicity, race, faith, and orientation.
- 8) The week of April 7, 2024, through April 13, 2024, is observed as Adult Education Week, recognizing the unique accomplishments of California adult schools. The California Adult Education Program celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, having been established in law in 2014.

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. 81

Introduced by Assembly Members Kalra and Bains

March 14, 2024

House Resolution No. 81—Relative to Vaisakhi.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
19 Assembly recognizes this year’s Vaisakhi celebration on Saturday,
20 April 13, 2024, and encourages Californians to take part in this
21 joyous day of celebration; and be it further

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

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

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Date of Hearing: March 21, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 81 (Kalra) – As Introduced March 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Vaisakhi.

SUMMARY: Recognizes this year’s Vaisakhi celebration on Saturday, April 13, 2024, encourages Californians to take part in this joyous day of celebration, and expresses deepest respect for all who observe and celebrate Vaisakhi. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

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

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN SENATE FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 99

Introduced by Senator Alvarado-Gil

(Coauthors: Senators Ashby, Dahle, Dodd, Eggman, Grove, and Hurtado)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Alanis, Flora, Vince Fong, Gallagher, Mathis, Jim Patterson, Soria, and Villapudua)

January 16, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to California Almond Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, as amended, Alvarado-Gil. California Almond Day.

This measure would proclaim February 16, 2024, as California Almond Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Almonds provide many health benefits and are a
2 great source of protein, healthy fats, and fiber; and
3 WHEREAS, Almonds are gluten-free and contain *more* essential
4 vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin E, magnesium, and
5 potassium; and *minerals than any other tree nut, including vitamin*
6 *E, calcium, niacin, magnesium, iron, and potassium; and*
7 WHEREAS, Among their many benefits, almonds help maintain
8 healthy cholesterol and blood sugar levels and a healthy heart, and
9 also provide vital nutrients that promote skin health *and muscle*
10 *recovery* and protect against ultraviolet radiation; and
11 WHEREAS, ~~As a convenient, versatile, and~~ *Almonds are the*
12 *most versatile tree nut, providing a healthy food option,* almonds

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1 ~~option that can be enjoyed in various ways, such as snacking,~~
 2 ~~baking, and cooking; and snacking and as an ingredient in baking~~
 3 ~~and cooking; and~~
 4 WHEREAS, Almond farming provides a benefit to the
 5 environment, combating climate change by storing 30 million
 6 metric tons of carbon per year; and
 7 WHEREAS, Almond farmers have improved the efficiency of
 8 water use, reducing the amount of water used by nearly 50 percent
 9 since 1990 and using precision irrigation technology on 85 percent
 10 of all almond acreage; and
 11 WHEREAS, Over 50 percent of almond farms have been
 12 identified as excellent and beneficial for groundwater recharge
 13 based on soil permeability; and
 14 WHEREAS, Almond farming is zero waste, growing three crops
 15 simultaneously, the almond, the shell, and the hull, and the trees
 16 themselves can be recycled; and
 17 WHEREAS, Almond farms house 500,000 acres of cover crops
 18 and 170,000 acres of bee-friendly farms, comprising 86 percent
 19 of all Bee Friendly Farming-certified farms in the United States;
 20 and
 21 WHEREAS, California is home to 7,600 almond farms, nearly
 22 90 percent of which are family farms, many owned and operated
 23 by third- and fourth-generation farmers; and
 24 WHEREAS, Nearly 70 percent of California almond farms are
 25 100 acres or less, and there are 98 almond handlers in California,
 26 many of which are family-owned businesses; and
 27 WHEREAS, In California, the almond industry employs 110,000
 28 people and contributes \$9,200,000,000 annually to the economy;
 29 and
 30 WHEREAS, California is responsible for 100 percent of the
 31 United States almond supply and 80 percent of the world’s almond
 32 supply; ~~and now, therefore, be it~~
 33 ~~WHEREAS, Almond farmers have improved the efficiency of~~
 34 ~~their water use, reaching 75 percent of the almond community’s~~
 35 ~~goal to attain a 20 percent improvement by 2025; and~~
 36 ~~WHEREAS, Growers and processors are finding new food~~
 37 ~~product opportunities for uses of the almond hull to achieve zero~~
 38 ~~waste in the orchards; now, therefore, be it~~
 39 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
 40 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature celebrates the

1 contributions of almond farmers, processors, and other industry
2 members, who make the almond industry one of the most
3 successful and innovative in the United States; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That February 16, 2024, is hereby proclaimed as
5 California Almond Day; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
7 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 21, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 99 (Alvarado-Gil) – As Amended February 8, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 33-0

SUBJECT: California Almond Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims February 16, 2024, as California Almond Day and celebrates the contributions of almond farmers, processors, and other industry members, who make the almond industry one of the most successful and innovative in the United States. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Almonds provide many health benefits and are a great source of protein, healthy fats, and fiber. They are gluten-free and contain more essential vitamins and minerals than any other tree nut, including vitamin E, calcium, niacin, magnesium, iron, and potassium.
- 2) Among their many benefits, almonds help maintain healthy cholesterol and blood sugar levels and a healthy heart, and also provide vital nutrients that promote skin health and muscle recovery and protect against ultraviolet radiation.
- 3) Almond farming provides a benefit to the environment, combating climate change by storing 30 million metric tons of carbon per year. Almond farmers have improved the efficiency of water use, reducing the amount of water used by nearly 50 percent since 1990 and using precision irrigation technology on 85 percent of all almond acreage.
- 4) Almond farms house 500,000 acres of cover crops and 170,000 acres of bee-friendly farms, comprising 86 percent of all Bee Friendly Farming-certified farms in the United States.
- 5) California is home to 7,600 almond farms, nearly 90 percent of which are family farms, many owned and operated by third- and fourth-generation farmers. Nearly 70 percent of California almond farms are 100 acres or less, and there are 98 almond handlers in California, many of which are family-owned businesses.

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 Padilla
(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Dodd, Hurtado, Jones, Limón, Seyarto,
and Skinner)**

February 5, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 106—Relative to GM1
Gangliosidosis Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 106, as introduced, Padilla. GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness
Day.

This measure would declare May 23, 2024, as GM1 Gangliosidosis
Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, GM1 Gangliosidosis is a rare inherited disease that
2 results in neurodegeneration and a progressive loss of abilities
3 until death, leaving children, adolescents, and adults impaired with
4 significant physical and developmental disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, GM1 Gangliosidosis is severely underdiagnosed
6 and misdiagnosed and occurs in only one in every 100,000 to
7 200,000 live births; and

8 WHEREAS, Lack of public awareness and visibility of GM1
9 Gangliosidosis contributes to underdiagnosis and difficulties in
10 accessing specialized services and proper rehabilitation and
11 support; and

12 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of GM1 Gangliosidosis is important
13 to ensure timely management of clinical complications, genetic
14 counseling, and, when available, treatment and therapeutic
15 remedies; and

1 WHEREAS, The goal is to raise awareness and increase the
2 accurate and timely diagnosis of this rare inherited lysosomal
3 disorder known as GM1 Gangliosidosis; now, therefore, be it
4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 23, 2024,
6 as GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day in California; and be it
7 further
8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
9 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 21, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 106 (Padilla) – As Introduced February 5, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Declares May 23, 2024, as GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

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

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Smallwood-Cuevas

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Holden)

(Coauthor: Senator Bradford)

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

February 6, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 107—Relative to Black History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 107, as introduced, Smallwood-Cuevas. Black History Month.

This measure would recognize February 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,
7 individuals whose accomplishments have contributed to every
8 endeavor throughout the history of our nation and who have been

1 steadfast in their commitment to promoting brotherhood, equality,
2 and justice for all; and

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

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

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

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

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

38 WHEREAS, During the course of the slave trade, an estimated
39 50,000,000 African men, women, and children were lost to their
40 native continent. Of those, the majority—about 35,000,000—lost

1 their lives on African soil or along the Guinea coast, or finally in
2 holds on the ships during the dreaded Middle Passage across the
3 Atlantic Ocean; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 WHEREAS, In 1976, the United States government officially
37 recognized Black History Month, calling upon the public to “seize
38 the opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments
39 of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our
40 history”; and

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

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

5 WHEREAS, In 2012, California historically elected the most
6 African Americans to serve in the Legislature, totaling 12 members;
7 and

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

17 WHEREAS, In 2013, Gymnast Simone Biles becomes the first
18 African American world all-around champion; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, On September 24, 2016, the Smithsonian National
31 Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC)
32 opened. NMAAHC is the only national museum devoted
33 exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history,
34 and culture. An act of Congress established the museum in 2003,
35 following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the
36 contributions of African Americans. To date, the museum has
37 collected more than 40,000 artifacts and nearly 100,000 individuals
38 have become members; and

39 WHEREAS, The Black Lives Matter movement gained renewed
40 attention on September 25, 2016, when San Francisco 49ers

1 quarterback Colin Kaepernick and players Eric Reid and Eli Harold
2 kneeled during the national anthem before the game against the
3 Seattle Seahawks to draw attention to recent acts of police brutality;
4 and

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

8 WHEREAS, 2019 marked the highest number of African
9 American members serving in the United States Congress, totaling
10 55 members; and

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

15 WHEREAS, The year 2020 marked the centennial of the
16 Nineteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and the
17 culmination of the women’s suffrage movement; and

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

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

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

35 WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, Democrat Raphael Warnock
36 won the Georgia Special Election and became the first African
37 American senator from Georgia. Warnock is the 11th African
38 American to serve in the United States Senate, a group that includes
39 former President Barack Obama, who served as a United States

1 Senator from Illinois, and Vice President Kamala Harris, who
2 served as a United States Senator from California; and

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

6 WHEREAS, On June 1, 2021, California’s Reparations Task
7 Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African
8 Americans (Task Force or Reparations Task Force), commenced
9 its first meeting. This task force was established by Assembly Bill
10 3121 (2020) (Weber), and California is the first state in the nation
11 to create a task force of this magnitude; and

12 WHEREAS, On June 1, 2021, President Joseph Biden became
13 the first United States President to formally memorialize the Tulsa
14 Race Massacre, a century after the vibrant African American
15 community of Greenwood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was destroyed;
16 and

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

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

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

32 WHEREAS, On January 11, 2022, the United States Treasury
33 minted coins featuring poet and activist Maya Angelou on the
34 United States 25-cent coin, known as a quarter. Ms. Angelou is
35 the first African American woman ever featured on a United States
36 coin and was the first African American woman to write and
37 perform a poem at a presidential inauguration; and

38 WHEREAS, On June 30, 2022, Ketanji Brown Jackson was
39 sworn in as the 116th associate justice of the Supreme Court of

1 the United States, making her the first Black woman and first
2 former public defender to serve on the court; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Despite decades of progress, African Americans
7 continue to face racial and social injustices, voter suppression,
8 economic stagnation, and voting barriers in jurisdictions with a
9 history of discrimination; and

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

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

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

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

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Date of Hearing: March 21, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 107 (Smallwood-Cuevas) – As Introduced February 6, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

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) Before the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, voters faced disenfranchisement through poll taxes, literacy tests, and other tactics intended to keep African Americans from the polls on Election Day.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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

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Introduced by Senator Hurtado
(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Blakespear, Bradford, Cortese, Dodd, Gonzalez, Menjivar, Newman, Portantino, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, and Umberg)

February 6, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 108—Relative to Wear Red Day and American Heart Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 108, as introduced, Hurtado. Wear Red Day and American Heart Month.

This measure would recognize February 2, 2024, as Wear Red Day and the month of February 2024 as American Heart Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death
- 2 and disability in the United States and globally; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease claims more lives of women
- 4 than all forms of cancer combined and yet only 44 percent of
- 5 women recognize that cardiovascular disease is their greatest health
- 6 threat; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Overall, 10 to 20 percent of women will have a
- 8 health issue during pregnancy. High blood pressure, preeclampsia,
- 9 and gestational diabetes during pregnancy greatly increase women’s
- 10 risk for developing cardiovascular disease later in life; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Most cardiac and stroke events can be prevented
- 12 through education and lifestyle changes such as moving more,
- 13 eating smart, and managing blood pressure; and

1 WHEREAS, Women are often less likely to receive bystander
2 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) because rescuers fear
3 accusations of inappropriate touching, sexual assault, or injuring
4 the victim; and

5 WHEREAS, There are effective solutions to this problem,
6 including awareness and education to have cardiac emergency
7 response plans in place, CPR education, and automated external
8 defibrillator (AED) training and accessibility; and

9 WHEREAS, CPR, especially if performed immediately, can
10 double or triple a person's chance of survival, however only about
11 46 percent of people who experience cardiac arrest receive CPR
12 from people nearby while waiting for emergency responders to
13 arrive; and

14 WHEREAS, CPR is a lifesaving skill that most people, including
15 children as young as nine years of age, can learn; and

16 WHEREAS, Knowing how to properly perform CPR has
17 encouraged more people to act when faced with a cardiac
18 emergency. To save more lives from cardiac arrest outside of a
19 hospital, we must increase the number of people who respond to
20 cardiac arrest by calling 911, delivering high-quality CPR, and
21 using an AED as soon as it is available; and

22 WHEREAS, Since 2004, the American Heart Association's Go
23 Red for Women movement has addressed the awareness and
24 clinical care gaps of women's greatest health threat, cardiovascular
25 disease. On the cusp of the American Heart Association's 100th
26 anniversary, the organization continues to make bold moves to
27 save lives and pioneer scientific discoveries; and

28 WHEREAS, By increasing awareness, speaking out about heart
29 disease, learning CPR, and empowering women to reduce their
30 risk for cardiovascular disease we can save thousands of lives each
31 year; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the legislature recognizes February 2,
34 2024, as Wear Red Day in California, and urges all citizens to
35 show their support for women and the fight against cardiovascular
36 disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color red; and
37 be it further

38 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of February
39 2024 as American Heart Month in California to raise awareness
40 of the importance of the ongoing fight against cardiovascular

1 disease and stroke and in celebration of American Heart Month
2 and the American Heart Association's 100th birthday, we urge
3 every household to learn CPR; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
5 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 21, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 108 (Hurtado) – As Introduced February 6, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Wear Red Day and American Heart Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes February 2, 2024, as Wear Red Day in California and recognizes February 2024 as American Heart Month in California to raise awareness of the importance of the ongoing fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death and disability in the United States and globally.
- 2) Cardiovascular disease claims more lives of women than all forms of cancer combined and yet only 44 percent of women recognize that cardiovascular disease is their greatest health threat. Overall, 10 to 20 percent of women will have a health issue during pregnancy. High blood pressure, preeclampsia, and gestational diabetes during pregnancy greatly increase women's risk for developing cardiovascular disease later in life.
- 3) Most cardiac and stroke events can be prevented through education and lifestyle changes such as moving more, eating smart, and managing blood pressure.
- 4) Since 2004, the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement has addressed the awareness and clinical care gaps of women's greatest health threat, cardiovascular disease. On the cusp of the American Heart Association's 100th anniversary, the organization continues to make bold moves to save lives and pioneer scientific discoveries.
- 5) By increasing awareness, speaking out about heart disease, learning CPR, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease we can save thousands of lives each year.

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 Niello

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Blakespear, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dahle, Dodd, Hurtado, Jones, Nguyen, Ochoa Bogh, Portantino, Seyarto, Skinner, Wahab, and Wilk)

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Waldron)

February 6, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 109—Relative to Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 109, as introduced, Niello. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
2 cancer deaths in the United States among men and women
3 combined; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that
5 can be prevented with timely screening, but one in three eligible
6 Americans are not up to date on screening; and

7 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number
8 one cancer killer for those persons between 20 and 49 years of age
9 by 2030; and

10 WHEREAS, Black Americans are 20 percent more likely to be
11 diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 40 percent more likely
12 to die from the disease than other groups; and

1 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11
2 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of
3 cancer deaths among Hispanic women; and
4 WHEREAS, In 2023, there were approximately 153,020 new
5 cases of, and 52,550 deaths from, colorectal cancer; and
6 WHEREAS, The national goal established by the National
7 Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely
8 colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community
9 for all Americans eligible for screening; and
10 WHEREAS, Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
11 during the month of March would provide a special opportunity
12 to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of
13 early detection and screening of colorectal cancer; now, therefore,
14 be it
15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates the month of
17 March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in California;
18 and be it further
19 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
20 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 21, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 109 (Niello) – As Introduced February 6, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in California to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined. It is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but one in three eligible Americans are not up to date on screening.
- 2) Colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those persons between 20 and 49 years of age by 2030.
- 3) Black Americans are 20 percent more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 40 percent more likely to die from the disease than other groups. Colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic women.
- 4) In 2023, there were approximately 153,020 new cases of, and 52,550 deaths from, colorectal cancer.
- 5) Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Professional Firefighters (CPF)
California State Treasurer Fiona Ma

Opposition

None on file

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



March 11, 2024

The Honorable Roger Niello
Member, California State Senate
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 109 (Niello) – Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. (SUPPORT)

Dear Senator Niello,

The California Professional Firefighters (CPF), state council of the International Association of Fire Fighters, representing over 35,000 career firefighting and emergency medical service personnel statewide, is pleased to support your SCR 109, which declare March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in California.

Every time a firefighter enters a structure fire, they are confronted with a haze of toxins and compounds released by smoldering products. These gasses can seep into their protective clothing and even penetrate their breathing apparatus. During overhaul and mop-up operations, toxins are still being produced and firefighters can directly inhale them. And, when a firefighter returns to the station, toxins may stay on their protective equipment, adding another exposure pathway for the men and women back at the firehouse.

The cumulative effect of such exposures over the course of a career can take a devastating toll and result in an increased risk for the manifestation of various types of cancers, including colorectal cancer. Awareness of the signs and dangers of colorectal cancer is key to survival, and **for these reasons we are pleased to support this important measure.**

Sincerely,

DOUG SUBERS
Governmental Advocate
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Roger Niello
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7110
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CO-SPONSOR: Senate Concurrent Resolution 109 (SCR 109) (Niello) - Colorectal Cancer Awareness

Dear Senator Niello,

I am writing to express my utmost support as a co-sponsor for your **Senate Concurrent Resolution 109 (SCR 109)**, which will declare the month of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined. It is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but 1 in 3 eligible Americans are not up to date on screening. This is why during my tenure in the Assembly, I proudly authored a similar resolution to raise awareness of how detrimental this disease can be, and why I am proud to co-sponsor SCR 109 today.

By 2030, it is estimated that colorectal cancer will be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49. In 2023 alone, there were approximately 153,020 new cases and 52,550 deaths from this disease. Minority groups are especially affected, with Black Americans being 20% more likely to receive a diagnosis, and about 40% more likely to die from the disease.

SCR 109 recognizes the vital work of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in promoting public and media attention to the seriousness of colorectal cancer and for working to improve education about the disease, as well as how to prevent and treat it. For these reasons, I am pleased to co-sponsor SCR 109. Please do not hesitate to contact Connie Chan, my legislative manager, with any questions at (916) 616-1970. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

In Peace & Friendship,

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