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Monday, May 6, 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:** 5/3/2024  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/06/2024

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

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
<u>AB 2675</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 186</u>	RLS.
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<u>SB 1257</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 1320</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 1408</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 1501</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>SB 1512</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 1519</u>	G.O.
<u>SB 1520</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 1523</u>	G.O.
<u>SB 1525</u>	JUD.
<u>SCR 100</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 102</u>	TRANS.
<u>SCR 115</u>	TRANS.
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<u>SCR 135</u>	RLS.
<u>SJR 10</u>	W., P., & W.
<u>SJR 14</u>	REV. & TAX.

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 146**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Pellerin**

February 16, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 146—Relative to Peer Appreciation Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 146, as introduced, Pellerin. Peer Appreciation Week.

This bill would recognize the 3rd week of May 2024 as Peer Appreciation Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 803 was signed into law on September  
2 25, 2020, and established the peer support specialist certification  
3 program in California and allows new and current peer support  
4 workers to be Medi-Cal certified peer support specialists; and  
5 WHEREAS, Peer support specialists are trained providers who  
6 use their lived experience to encourage, engage with, and support  
7 others with mental health, addiction, or trauma challenges using  
8 the recovery model and the principles and values of peer support  
9 to provide hope, support, and be a role model of recovery; and  
10 WHEREAS, Peer support specialists use the federal Substance  
11 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA)  
12 definition of recovery, guiding principles of recovery, mission,  
13 and vision to empower and assist their peers to live a life of their  
14 choosing, improving the likelihood of long-term recovery; and  
15 WHEREAS, Medi-Cal certified peer support specialist services  
16 are eligible for federal reimbursements; and

1 WHEREAS, Peer support is an emerging best practice, has  
2 proven to be a cost-effective treatment for mental health, addiction,  
3 and traumatic challenges, reduces inpatient hospital days and  
4 recidivism rates, and increases a consumer’s ability to access  
5 culturally responsive community-based services; and  
6 WHEREAS, California is facing severe behavioral health  
7 workforce shortages and peer support specialists can play a  
8 meaningful role in alleviating these shortages; and  
9 WHEREAS, There is a need to increase public awareness of  
10 peers, peer services, how they are impacting the lives of countless  
11 adults, children, adolescents, and families within the health and  
12 human services industry, and how they are providing a shining  
13 example of recovery in the array of services delivered; now,  
14 therefore, be it  
15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the  
17 third week of May 2024, during National Mental Health Awareness  
18 Month, as Peer Appreciation Week in California; and be it further  
19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
20 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 146 (Pellerin) – As Introduced February 16, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Peer Appreciation Week.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the third week of May 2024, during National Mental Health Awareness Month, as Peer Appreciation Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Peer support specialists are trained providers who use their lived experience to encourage, engage with, and support others with mental health, addiction, or trauma challenges using the recovery model and the principles and values of peer support to provide hope, support, and be a role model of recovery.
- 2) Senate Bill 803 was signed into law on September 25, 2020, and established the peer support specialist certification program in California and allows new and current peer support workers to be Medi-Cal certified peer support specialists.
- 3) Peer support specialists use the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) definition of recovery, guiding principles of recovery, mission, and vision to empower and assist their peers to live a life of their choosing, improving the likelihood of long-term recovery.
- 4) Peer support is an emerging best practice, has proven to be a cost-effective treatment for mental health, addiction, and traumatic challenges, reduces inpatient hospital days and recidivism rates, and increases a consumer’s ability to access culturally responsive community-based services.
- 5) California is facing severe behavioral health workforce shortages and peer support specialists can play a meaningful role in alleviating these shortages. There is a need to increase public awareness of peers, peer services, how they are impacting the lives of countless adults, children, adolescents, and families within the health and human services industry, and how they are providing a shining example of recovery in the array of services delivered.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 162**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Petrie-Norris**

March 14, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 162—Relative to California Youth Climate Action Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 162, as introduced, Petrie-Norris. California Youth Climate Action Day.

This measure would proclaim September 20, 2024, and September 20 of each year thereafter, as California Youth Climate Action Day to honor and support the efforts of young people in their pursuit of environmental sustainability, climate justice, and the preservation of biodiversity.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The urgency of addressing climate change has  
2 never been more apparent, with clear scientific evidence showing  
3 rapidly increasing global temperatures, leading to severe  
4 environmental, health, and economic impacts; and

5 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization estimates that  
6 between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause  
7 approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year from  
8 malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea, and heat stress, with the direct  
9 damage costs to health estimated to be between \$2 billion and \$4  
10 billion per year by 2030; and

11 WHEREAS, Climate change is a consequence of human  
12 activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels, extensive use of toxic

1 chemicals in agriculture and commercial products, and  
2 deforestation of natural habitats, that have adversely impacted  
3 children and families, particularly in environmental justice  
4 communities, where the burden of environmental degradation is  
5 disproportionately borne; and

6 WHEREAS, Young people around the world are acutely aware  
7 of these challenges, since they will be the ones living in a future  
8 that faces threats from climate change, and have recently been at  
9 the forefront of demanding action to mitigate the adverse effects  
10 through youth-led movements and organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, The involvement of young people in climate action,  
12 especially from marginalized communities that will be  
13 disproportionately affected by climate change, is critical in driving  
14 equitable innovation, policy change, and sustainable practices at  
15 local, national, and global levels; and

16 WHEREAS, September 20th marked the start of the September  
17 2019 climate strikes, a historic global event initiated by youth  
18 activists around the world, bringing together around 6,000,000  
19 participants and sparking an international youth climate movement;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the importance  
22 of educating and engaging young people in environmental  
23 stewardship and climate action; and

24 WHEREAS, The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow,  
25 and their voices and actions are essential in shaping a sustainable  
26 and resilient future for all; and

27 WHEREAS, The State of California acknowledges and applauds  
28 the contributions of young activists, and aims to support and  
29 empower youth in their efforts to address the urgent challenges  
30 posed by climate change; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring,* That the California State Legislature recognizes  
33 the need to make climate action and environmental education for  
34 youth a public priority; and be it further

35 *Resolved,* That the California State Legislature encourages all  
36 municipalities, schools, environmental community organizations,  
37 businesses, and individuals to observe California Youth Climate  
38 Action Day with appropriate activities that promote awareness of  
39 climate change, inspire positive environmental action, and



1 contribute to the protection of endangered species and ecosystems;  
2 and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the California State Legislature recognizes  
4 September 20, 2024, and the same date each year thereafter, as  
5 California Youth Climate Action Day to honor and support the  
6 efforts of young people in their pursuit of environmental  
7 sustainability, climate justice, and the preservation of biodiversity;  
8 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 162 (Petrie-Norris) – As Introduced March 14, 2024

**SUBJECT:** California Youth Climate Action Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes September 20, 2024, and the same date each year thereafter, as California Youth Climate Action Day to honor and support the efforts of young people in their pursuit of environmental sustainability, climate justice, and the preservation of biodiversity. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The urgency of addressing climate change has never been more apparent, with clear scientific evidence showing rapidly increasing global temperatures, leading to severe environmental, health, and economic impacts.
- 2) Climate change is a consequence of human activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels, extensive use of toxic chemicals in agriculture and commercial products, and deforestation of natural habitats, that have adversely impacted children and families, particularly in environmental justice communities, where the burden of environmental degradation is disproportionately borne.
- 3) The World Health Organization estimates that between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea, and heat stress, with the direct damage costs to health estimated to be between \$2 billion and \$4 billion per year by 2030.
- 4) Young people around the world are acutely aware of these challenges, since they will be the ones living in a future that faces threats from climate change, and have recently been at the forefront of demanding action to mitigate the adverse effects through youth-led movements and organizations.
- 5) The involvement of young people in climate action, especially from marginalized communities that will be disproportionately affected by climate change, is critical in driving equitable innovation, policy change, and sustainable practices at local, national, and global levels.
- 6) September 20th marked the start of the September 2019 climate strikes, a historic global event initiated by youth activists around the world, bringing together around 6 million participants and sparking an international youth climate movement.
- 7) The State of California recognizes the importance of educating and engaging young people in environmental stewardship and climate action. The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and their voices and actions are essential in shaping a sustainable and resilient future for all.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 2, 2024

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 179**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer**

April 18, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 179—Relative to disabled individuals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 179, as amended, Jones-Sawyer. Disabled individuals.

~~This measure would provide that Members of the Legislature organize a group to advance visibility, access, opportunity, and equity for disabled individuals. The measure would provide that the participating Members of the group be a center for the voices and experiences of disabled individuals. The measure would provide that the participating Members of the group take an active role in preventing the exclusion of, and discrimination against, disabled individuals. The measure would provide that the participating Members of the group work with disability leaders as equal partners in identifying problems and co-creating solutions to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. The~~ *This* measure would proclaim April 28, ~~2024~~ 2024, as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to secure equity for disabled individuals.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease  
2 Control and Prevention, 7,090,015 adults in California have a  
3 disability; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau reports that more  
5 than 330,000 children in California have disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, On April 28, 1977, disability rights activists in  
7 California secured implementation of the rights established under  
8 Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 after leading  
9 the longest sit-in of a federal building in United States history; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of  
11 1973 laid the foundation for the passage of the federal Americans  
12 with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of  
14 1990 was signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

15 WHEREAS, California is recognized as the birthplace of the  
16 disability rights movement and independent living movement; and

17 WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities make meaningful  
18 contributions to the arts, employment, science, health care,  
19 technology, sports, education, law, their communities, and much  
20 more; and

21 WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities are experts in their  
22 own lived experiences and are the most important drivers to create  
23 system change; and

24 WHEREAS, Family members, disability advocates,  
25 professionals, and allies play a key role in supporting and  
26 advocating for individuals with disabilities to live full and inclusive  
27 lives; and

28 WHEREAS, The Legislature has taken actions to expand the  
29 rights and inclusion of people with disabilities in California; and

30 WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities remain at an increased  
31 risk of experiencing discrimination, isolation, segregation, and  
32 inequities; and *inequities; now, therefore, be it*

33 ~~WHEREAS, The disability community lacks visibility and  
34 representation within the Legislature; now, therefore, be it~~

35 ~~*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
36 *thereof concurring, That Members of the Legislature may*  
37 *participate in a group to advance visibility, access, opportunity,*  
38 *and equity for disabled individuals; and be it further*~~

1 ~~Resolved, That the participating Members of the group be a~~  
2 ~~center for the voices and experiences of disabled individuals; and~~  
3 ~~be it further~~

4 ~~Resolved, That the participating Members of the group take an~~  
5 ~~active role in preventing the exclusion of, and discrimination~~  
6 ~~against, disabled individuals; and be it further~~

7 ~~Resolved, That the participating Members of the group work~~  
8 ~~with disability leaders as equal partners in identifying problems~~  
9 ~~and cocreating solutions to improve the lives of individuals with~~  
10 ~~disabilities; and be it further~~

11 ~~Resolved,~~ *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,*  
12 *the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby  
13 proclaims April 28, ~~2024~~ 2024, as a day for all Californians to  
14 acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor  
15 the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled  
16 individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to  
17 secure equity for disabled individuals; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer) – As Amended May 2, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Disabled individuals.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims April 28, 2024, as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to secure equity for disabled individuals. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is recognized as the birthplace of the disability rights movement and independent living movement. On April 28, 1977, disability rights activists in California secured implementation of the rights established under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, after leading the longest sit-in of a federal building in United States history.
- 2) Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 laid the foundation for the passage of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which was signed into law on July 26, 1990.
- 3) Individuals with disabilities make meaningful contributions to the arts, employment, science, health care, technology, sports, education, law, their communities, and much more.
- 4) According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 7,090,015 adults in California have a disability. And, the United States Census Bureau reports that more than 330,000 children in California have disabilities.
- 5) Individuals with disabilities are experts in their own lived experiences and are the most important drivers to create system change. Family members, disability advocates, professionals, and allies play a key role in supporting and advocating for individuals with disabilities to live full and inclusive lives.
- 6) The Legislature has taken actions to expand the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities in California. However, individuals with disabilities remain at an increased risk of experiencing discrimination, isolation, segregation, and inequities.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Agencies for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CAABVI)  
California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)  
Disability Rights California (DRC)  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)  
The Arc California  
United Cerebral Palsy

**Opposition**

None on file

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





May 1, 2024

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Rules Committee  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer) as introduced April 18, 2024 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Pacheco,

The California Agencies for the Blind and Visually Impaired is writing to support ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer). California Agencies for the Blind and visually Impaired (CAABVI) is a collective of nearly 20 likeminded organizations, serving Californians who are blind or visually impaired. CAABVI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a talented Board of Directors selected from our organizational members, strong public policy committees, and an aggressive agenda to marshal better resources for client services, education, and training. Our part-time Executive Director Anita Aaron is the former CEO of LightHouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired, one of the nation's foremost blind services organizations.

CAABVI collaborates for access to effective and equitable training, education, and services for all Californians who are blind or visually impaired. Through our Board of Directors, CAABVI serves as the collective voice for California's private, nonprofit agencies serving individuals who are blind and visually impaired, their families, and communities.

ACR 179 proclaims April 28, 2024 as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to secure equity for disabled individuals. ACR 179 recognizes the contributions disabled people make in our communities and society and acknowledges and celebrates disabled activists.

Further, "WHEREAS, The disability community lacks visibility and representation within the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That Members of the Legislature may participate in a group to advance visibility, access, opportunity, and equity for disabled individuals; and be it further

Resolved, That the participating Members of the group be a center for the voices and experiences of disabled individuals; and be it further

Resolved, That the participating Members of the group take an active role in preventing the exclusion of, and discrimination against, disabled individuals; and be it further

Resolved, That the participating Members of the group work with disability leaders as equal partners in identifying problems and cocreating solutions to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities.”

Although the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation act were passed over 30 plus years ago, individuals with disabilities continue to face discrimination and inequity in education, healthcare, employment and more. Organizing a group of Members with a commitment to advancing access, visibility and equity for people with disabilities within the Legislature can help bridge these gaps and create opportunities. Importantly, organizing Members will center the voices and experiences of disabled individuals who are the experts in their own lives, and work with disability leaders as equal partners to create system change.

For these reasons, CAABVI is proud to support this resolution. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Anita Aaron, Executive Director

California Agencies for the Blind and Visually Impaired

cc: The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly  
Sarah Meza, Office of Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer



April 30, 2024

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Rules Committee  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer) as introduced April 18, 2024 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Pacheco,

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) writes to support ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer).

ACR 179 proclaims April 28, 2024, as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to secure equity for disabled individuals. ACR 179 recognizes the contributions disabled people make in our communities and society and acknowledges and celebrates disabled activists.

Although the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation act were passed over 30 plus years ago, individuals with disabilities continue to face discrimination and inequity in education, healthcare, employment and more. Organizing a group of Members with a commitment to advancing access, visibility, and equity for people with disabilities within the Legislature can help bridge these gaps and create opportunities. Importantly, organizing Members will center the voices and experiences of disabled individuals who are the experts in their own lives, and work with disability leaders as equal partners to create system change.

SCDD's mission is to advocate, promote and implement policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, and inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families. ACR aligns with SCDD's mission to advocate for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provide opportunities to participate in improving their lives through system change.

For these reasons, SCDD is proud to support ACR 179. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Policy Analyst, Verónica Bravo at [veronica.bravo@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:veronica.bravo@scdd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Wesley Witherspoon, Chair



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April 25, 2024

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Rules Committee  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer) as introduced April 18, 2024 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Pacheco,

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **proudly supports ACR 179.**

DRC works for a world where all disabled people have power and are treated with dignity and respect. In this world, people with disabilities are supported, valued, included in their communities, afforded the same opportunities as people without disabilities, and make their own decisions. The intent of the resolution and formation of an organized group within the Legislature have the potential to move California closer to this world.

ACR 179 recognizes the contributions disabled people make in our communities and society and acknowledges and celebrates the disabled activists who were instrumental in securing implementation of Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act and laying groundwork for the creation and passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990.

Even though these historic civil rights laws were passed over 30 plus years ago, disabled individuals continue to face inequalities in education, healthcare, employment and more. They also experience higher rates of

discrimination. Organizing a group of Members within the Legislature with a commitment to advancing access, visibility and equity for people with disabilities can help bridge these gaps and create opportunities. Importantly, organizing Members will center the voices and experiences of disabled individuals who are the experts in their own lives, and work with disability leaders as equal partners to create system change.

For these reasons, DRC is proud to support this resolution and thanks the author for his leadership and partnership with the disability community. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "E" and "H".

Eric Harris  
Director of Public Policy  
Disability Rights California

cc: The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly  
Sarah Meza, Office of Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Rules Committee  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer) as introduced April 18, 2024 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Pacheco,

The Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) writes to support ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer). Based in Berkeley, California, DREDF is a national nonprofit disability civil rights law and policy organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil and human rights of people with disabilities. DREDF was founded in 1979 by a unique alliance of adults with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities and remains board- and staff-led by members of the disability and parent communities for whom it advocates. DREDF pursues its mission through education, advocacy, and law reform efforts, and is nationally recognized for its expertise in the interpretation of federal and state disability civil rights laws.

ACR 179 proclaims April 28, 2024, as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish and advance the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the future work needed to secure equity for disabled individuals. ACR 179 recognizes the contributions disabled people make in our communities and acknowledges the importance of disabled leaders.

Although the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation act were passed over 30 years ago, individuals with disabilities continue to face discrimination and disparities in areas including housing, transportation, education, healthcare and employment. Organizing a group of Members to advance the visibility, access, opportunity, and equity for people with disabilities within the Legislature can help address these disparities and create opportunities. We recognize that currently, the disability community lacks visibility and representation within the Legislature. We therefore support this bill's goal of organizing Members to center the voices and lived experiences of individuals with disabilities and to work with disability leaders as equal partners to create systems change.<sup>1</sup> We agree that Members should take an *active role* in preventing the exclusion of, and discrimination against, disabled individuals.

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<sup>1</sup> We also support and encourage efforts to improve disability representation within the Legislature, and work with disability leaders and communities, *independent of* this bill.

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May 1, 2024  
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For these reasons, DREDF supports this resolution. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan R. Henderson" followed by a horizontal line.

Susan Henderson  
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly  
Sarah Meza, Office of Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer



*The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration*

April 29, 2024

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Rules Committee  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer) as introduced April 18, 2024 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Pacheco,

The Arc of Calif and United Cerebral Palsy Collaborative writes to support ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer). The Arc & United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration, the state's largest intellectual and developmental disability organization with 32 chapters and affiliates throughout the



state, is honored to be one of the many supporters of ACR 179 (Jones-Sawyer)

The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

ACR 179 proclaims April 28, 2024 as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to secure equity for disabled individuals. ACR 179 recognizes the contributions disabled people make in our communities and society and acknowledges and celebrates disabled activists.

Although the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation act were passed over 30 plus years ago, individuals with disabilities continue to face discrimination and inequity in education, healthcare, employment and more. Organizing a group of Members with a commitment to advancing access, visibility and equity for people with disabilities within the Legislature can help bridge these gaps and create opportunities. Importantly, organizing Members will center the voices and experiences of disabled individuals who are the experts in their own lives, and work with disability leaders as equal partners to create system change.

For these reasons, The Arc of Calif and United Cerebral Palsy Collaborative is proud to support this resolution. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,



**Jim Frazier**

**Director of Public Policy**

cc: The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly  
Sarah Meza, Office of Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 183**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bennett**  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Limón)

April 23, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 183—Relative to IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 183, as introduced, Bennett. IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day. This measure would proclaim May 14, 2024, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, IgA Nephropathy, also known as IgAN or Berger’s  
2     disease, is a rare kidney disorder characterized by the buildup of  
3     immunoglobulin A (IgA), a protein that helps breakdown the  
4     normal filtering mechanisms in the kidneys; and  
5     WHEREAS, IgAN is one of the most common and undetected  
6     kidney diseases and is estimated to affect approximately 150,000  
7     people in the United States; and  
8     WHEREAS, There is no current cure for IgAN, and treatments  
9     can only focus on slowing the progress of the disease and  
10    preventing complications; and  
11    WHEREAS, Approximately 20 to 40 percent of individuals who  
12    have IgAN will develop end-stage kidney disease and need dialysis  
13    or kidney transplantation to survive; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, there is hope on the horizon for IgAN  
2 patients with over 30 clinical trials underway and newly approved  
3 treatments for rare kidney diseases, including IgAN; and

4 WHEREAS, We need to raise awareness of IgA Nephropathy,  
5 provide support to patients, and promote the research needed to  
6 lead to better diagnosis and an eventual cure; now, therefore, be  
7 it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 14, 2024,  
10 as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 183 (Bennett) – As Introduced April 23, 2024

**SUBJECT:** IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims May 14, 2024, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) IgA Nephropathy, also known as IgAN or Berger’s disease, is a rare kidney disorder characterized by the buildup of immunoglobulin A (IgA), a protein that helps break down the normal filtering mechanisms in the kidneys.
- 2) IgAN is one of the most common and undetected kidney diseases and is estimated to affect approximately 150,000 people in the United States. Unfortunately, there is no current cure for IgAN, and treatments can only focus on slowing the progress of the disease and preventing complications.
- 3) Approximately 20 to 40 percent of individuals who have IgAN will develop end-stage kidney disease and need dialysis or kidney transplantation to survive.
- 4) Today, there is hope on the horizon for IgAN patients with over 30 clinical trials underway and newly approved treatments for rare kidney diseases, including IgAN.
- 5) We need to raise awareness of IgA Nephropathy, provide support to patients, and promote the research needed to lead to better diagnosis and an eventual cure.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 185**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hart**

April 25, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 185—Relative to Mental Health Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 185, as introduced, Hart. Mental Health Awareness Month.

This measure would designate May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Mental health includes our emotional,  
2 psychological, and social well-being and affects how we think,  
3 feel, and act, including how we handle stress, relate to others, and  
4 make choices; and

5 WHEREAS, Mental health allows us to maintain relationships,  
6 take care of ourselves and our families, take care of our physical  
7 bodies, and respond and adapt to daily life changes; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 20 percent of children and young people 3  
9 to 17 years of age, inclusive, in the United States have a mental,  
10 emotional, developmental, or behavioral disorder; and

11 WHEREAS, One in five adolescents 12 to 17 years of age,  
12 inclusive, have had a major depressive episode in the past year;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The number of deaths by suicide increased by 8  
15 percent from 2011 to 2022; and

1 WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death among  
2 people 10 to 34 years of age, inclusive, and the 11th leading cause  
3 of death in the United States overall; and  
4 WHEREAS, A lack of mental health awareness leads to  
5 devastating impacts on the well-being of individuals and society;  
6 and  
7 WHEREAS, Evidence-based mental and behavioral health  
8 training teaches adults how to recognize the signs and symptoms  
9 of mental health and substance use challenges in youth and adults  
10 and provides skills to use a five-step action plan to help someone  
11 who may be facing a mental health challenge or crisis, such as  
12 suicide; and  
13 WHEREAS, Adolescent mental health first aid trainings are  
14 proven to reduce stigma and teach teens how to identify,  
15 understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance  
16 use challenges among their friends and peers; now, therefore, be  
17 it  
18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
20 hereby designates May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month  
21 in California to enhance public awareness of mental health; and  
22 be it further  
23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 185 (Hart) – As Introduced April 25, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Mental Health Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental health. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being and affects how we think, feel, and act, including how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.
- 2) Mental health allows us to maintain relationships, take care of ourselves and our families, take care of our physical bodies, and respond and adapt to daily life changes.
- 3) Nearly 20 percent of children and young people 3 to 17 years of age, inclusive, in the United States have a mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral disorder. And, one in five adolescents 12 to 17 years of age, inclusive, have had a major depressive episode in the past year.
- 4) A lack of mental health awareness leads to devastating impacts on the well-being of individuals and society. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among people 10 to 34 years of age, inclusive, and the 11th leading cause of death in the United States overall.
- 5) Evidence-based mental and behavioral health training teaches adults how to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges in youth and adults and provides skills to use a five-step action plan to help someone who may be facing a mental health challenge or crisis, such as suicide.
- 6) Adolescent mental health first aid trainings are proven to reduce stigma and teach teens how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among their friends and peers.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 188**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin**

April 30, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 188—Relative to Move Your Body, Calm Your Mind Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 188, as introduced, Irwin. Move Your Body, Calm Your Mind Day.

This measure would recognize May 1, 2024, as Move Your Body, Calm Your Mind Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Regular physical activity offers substantial  
2 improvements in physical health and mental well-being for the  
3 majority of Californians, who are not receiving enough physical  
4 activity; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly 25 percent of the state’s adults say they  
6 aren’t physically active, and over two-thirds of California’s  
7 children fail to meet the physical activity guidelines of engaging  
8 in at least one hour of physical activity every day, yet moderate  
9 physical activity can substantially reduce the risk of dying from  
10 or developing chronic illnesses and diseases; and

11 WHEREAS, Roughly 40 percent of California adults report  
12 having at least one of the five chronic and largely preventable  
13 conditions: high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, serious  
14 psychological distress, or asthma; and



1 WHEREAS, As much as 80 percent of heart disease, stroke,  
2 and diabetes and over 30 percent of cancers could be prevented  
3 by increasing healthy behaviors, including physical activity levels;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Californians with chronic conditions report more  
6 days of poor health, which impacts a person’s mental well-being  
7 and productivity in school or at work; and

8 WHEREAS, For children, it is important to develop an active  
9 lifestyle in the early years of life since habits from early childhood  
10 through adolescence may influence habits in adulthood; and

11 WHEREAS, Mental health and physical health are closely  
12 connected with the many well-established benefits of leading an  
13 active lifestyle, including improved brain health and cognitive  
14 function, reduced risk of anxiety and depression, and improved  
15 sleep and overall quality of life; and

16 WHEREAS, Physical activity is 1.5 times more effective at  
17 reducing mild-to-moderate symptoms of depression, psychological  
18 stress, and anxiety than medication or cognitive behavior therapy;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, All forms of exercise directly produce significant  
21 mental health benefits and improved overall physical health and  
22 well-being; and

23 WHEREAS, The Legislature has the unique opportunity to  
24 educate the public about the benefits of safe physical activity and  
25 places to be active, promote the design of communities and use of  
26 spaces that support safe and convenient ways for people to be  
27 physically active, and promote equitable community programs and  
28 policies that make it safe and easy for people to walk, bike, or  
29 wheelchair roll and be physically active; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Assembly recognizes the need to  
32 prioritize, preserve, and promote physical activity in public health  
33 policy to improve the physical and mental fitness of all  
34 Californians; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes May 1, 2024, as Move  
36 Your Body, Calm Your Mind Day in conformity with National  
37 Physical Fitness and Sports Month; 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: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 188 (Irwin) – As Introduced April 30, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Move Your Body, Calm Your Mind Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 1, 2024, as Move Your Body, Calm Your Mind Day, in conformity with National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Regular physical activity offers substantial improvements in physical health and mental well-being for the majority of Californians, who are not receiving enough physical activity.
- 2) Mental health and physical health are closely connected with the many well-established benefits of leading an active lifestyle, including improved brain health and cognitive function, reduced risk of anxiety and depression, and improved sleep and overall quality of life.
- 3) Nearly 25 percent of the state’s adults say they aren’t physically active, and over two-thirds of California’s children fail to meet the physical activity guidelines of engaging in at least one hour of physical activity every day, yet moderate physical activity can substantially reduce the risk of dying from or developing chronic illnesses and diseases.
- 4) For children, it is important to develop an active lifestyle in the early years of life since habits from early childhood through adolescence may influence habits in adulthood.
- 5) Physical activity is 1.5 times more effective at reducing mild-to-moderate symptoms of depression, psychological stress, and anxiety than medication or cognitive behavior therapy.
- 6) The Legislature has the unique opportunity to educate the public about the benefits of safe physical activity and places to be active, promote the design of communities and use of spaces that support safe and convenient ways for people to be physically active, and promote equitable community programs and policies that make it safe and easy for people to walk, bike, or wheelchair roll and be physically active.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 189**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wallis**

April 30, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 189—Relative to food allergy awareness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 189, as introduced, Wallis. Food allergy awareness.

This measure would encourage all Californians to make themselves and their families aware of the risk of food allergies and preventative measures, and to educate themselves regarding emergency responses. The measure would declare May as Food Allergy Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, As many as 33 million people in the United States  
2 have a food allergy; and

3 WHEREAS, Research indicates that the prevalence of food  
4 allergies is increasing among children, and finds that 5.6 million  
5 children under 18 years of age, roughly two in every classroom,  
6 have a food allergy; and

7 WHEREAS, The nine foods that cause 90 percent of all food  
8 allergy reactions in the United States are shellfish, fish, milk, eggs,  
9 tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame; and

10 WHEREAS, A food allergy occurs when the immune system  
11 mistakenly targets a harmless food protein, an allergen, as a threat  
12 and attacks it, releasing abnormally large amounts of antibodies  
13 that fight the food allergens, which in turn trigger the symptoms  
14 of an allergic reaction; and

1 WHEREAS, Symptoms of a food allergy can include a tingling  
2 sensation in the mouth, swelling of the tongue and throat, difficulty  
3 breathing, hives, vomiting, a drop in blood pressure, loss of  
4 consciousness, or death; and

5 WHEREAS, Consumption of a food allergen may lead to  
6 anaphylaxis, a potentially fatal condition in which several different  
7 parts of the body experience the allergic reaction and can, within  
8 minutes of exposure, lead to difficulty breathing and  
9 unconsciousness; and

10 WHEREAS, Zacky Muñoz, a California student and food allergy  
11 champion 12 years of age, continues to lead the charge in helping  
12 to improve the landscape in California schools for children with  
13 food allergies; and

14 WHEREAS, There is no cure for a food allergy, only  
15 epinephrine intervention, and the only sure way to avoid a reaction  
16 is to exercise strict avoidance of an allergen; and

17 WHEREAS, Education, resources, and investing in research  
18 that advances treatment and understanding of food allergies are  
19 the key to keeping individuals with food allergies safe; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
22 *thereof concurring*, That all Californians be encouraged to make  
23 themselves and their families aware of the risk of food allergies  
24 and preventative measures, and to educate themselves regarding  
25 emergency responses; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That May is Food Allergy Awareness Month; and be  
27 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: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 189 (Wallis) – As Introduced April 30, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Food allergy awareness.

**SUMMARY:** Declares May as Food Allergy Awareness Month, and encourages all Californians to make themselves and their families aware of the risk of food allergies and preventative measures, and to educate themselves regarding emergency responses. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) A food allergy occurs when the immune system mistakenly targets a harmless food protein, an allergen, as a threat and attacks it, releasing abnormally large amounts of antibodies that fight the food allergens, which in turn trigger the symptoms of an allergic reaction.
- 2) As many as 33 million people in the United States have a food allergy. Research indicates that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children, and finds that 5.6 million children under 18 years of age have a food allergy.
- 3) The nine foods that cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States are shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame.
- 4) Consumption of a food allergen may lead to anaphylaxis, a potentially fatal condition in which several different parts of the body experience the allergic reaction and can, within minutes of exposure, lead to difficulty breathing and unconsciousness.
- 5) There is no cure for a food allergy, only epinephrine intervention, and the only sure way to avoid a reaction is to exercise strict avoidance of an allergen.
- 6) Education, resources, and investing in research that advances treatment and understanding of food allergies are the key to keeping individuals with food allergies safe.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**House Resolution**

**No. 91**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Low  
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bains, Mike Fong, Kalra,  
Lee, Muratsuchi, Stephanie Nguyen, and Ting)**

April 8, 2024

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House Resolution No. 91—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

1 WHEREAS, One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific  
2 Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in the  
3 City of New Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked  
4 the Manila-Acapulco trade route settled; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made  
6 indelible contributions throughout the history of California and  
7 the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the  
8 Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the United States  
9 Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars,  
10 coorganizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil  
11 rights; and

12 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured  
13 hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and  
14 discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state’s and  
15 nation’s history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized  
16 citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, antimiscegenation  
17 laws, and Japanese internment; and

18 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to  
19 cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business,  
20 technology, education, science, government, law, humanities,  
21 medicine, sports, and entertainment; and

1 WHEREAS, California is home to over 7,000,000 Asian and  
2 Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian  
3 and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing  
4 ethnic populations in the state and nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute  
6 more than 16 percent of California’s population and represent  
7 diverse ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian,  
8 Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro,  
9 Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo  
10 Jiman, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian,  
11 Mongolian, Native Hawaiian, Nepalese, Okinawan, Pakistani,  
12 Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Tongan,  
13 Vietnamese, and other Asian and Pacific Islander groups; and

14 WHEREAS, California’s Asian and Pacific Islander American  
15 entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses  
16 to the pinnacle of their respective industries nationally and globally,  
17 and 31.5 percent of the nation’s Asian-owned businesses are in  
18 California; and

19 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific  
20 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged  
21 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on  
22 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,  
23 and interests of California’s Asian and Pacific Islander American  
24 communities; and

25 WHEREAS, Federal law designates May as “Asian/Pacific  
26 American Heritage Month” in Section 102 of Title 36 of the United  
27 States Code; and

28 WHEREAS, Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage  
29 Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the  
30 achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific  
31 Islander Americans; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
33 *Assembly commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for*  
34 *their notable accomplishments and contributions to California, and*  
35 *recognizes May 2024 as Asian and Pacific Islander American*  
36 *Heritage Month; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 91 (Low) – As Introduced April 8, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2024 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, and commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and contributions to California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked the Manila-Acapulco trade route settled.
- 2) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made indelible contributions throughout the history of California and the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the United States Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars, co-organizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights.
- 3) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the California Alien Land Law of 1913, anti-miscegenation laws, and Japanese internment.
- 4) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine, sports, and entertainment.
- 5) California is home to over 7 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state and nation.
- 6) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute more than 16 percent of California's population and represent diverse ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo Jiman, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian, Mongolian, Native Hawaiian, Nepalese, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese, and other Asian and Pacific Islander groups.
- 7) Federal law designates May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month" in Section 102 of Title 36 of the United States Code.
- 8) Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**House Resolution**

**No. 94**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra  
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Stephanie Nguyen and  
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April 18, 2024

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House Resolution No. 94—Relative to Áo Dài Week.

1 WHEREAS, The Áo Dài is a Vietnamese traditional long gown  
2 of great cultural and historic significance to Vietnamese American,  
3 Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities; and

4 WHEREAS, The Áo Dài has been recognized as a component  
5 of the cultural aesthetic and heritage of the Vietnamese diaspora  
6 by the State of California; and

7 WHEREAS, There are approximately 2,300,000 people of  
8 Vietnamese origin in the United States, nearly 190,000 of whom  
9 are residents of the County of Orange, 140,000 of whom are  
10 residents of the County of Santa Clara, with the City of San Jose  
11 claiming home to the highest population of Vietnamese origin per  
12 area outside of the country of Vietnam, and 27,000 of whom are  
13 residents of the the County of Sacramento; and

14 WHEREAS, The Áo Dài Festival, a multidimensional experience  
15 celebrating Vietnamese art and culture founded by Dan Do and  
16 the late Jenny Do, has been held biennially in the downtown of  
17 the City of San Jose and has brought together artists and social  
18 activists across the nation with the intent of encouraging  
19 generations to appreciate and learn about Vietnamese culture; and

20 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese New Year festivals across the  
21 State of California and the United States annually celebrate the  
22 occasion by showcasing the elegance of the Áo Dài; and

1 WHEREAS, Áo Dài Day and Áo Dài Festival will be celebrated  
2 throughout the State of California during Asian and Pacific Islander  
3 American Heritage Month in May 2024; and  
4 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese diaspora, the Áo Dài, the Áo Dài  
5 festivals, and Áo Dài Day contribute to the cultural heritage of the  
6 people of the State of California and celebrate the beauty of  
7 American diversity; and  
8 WHEREAS, More young Vietnamese generations are proudly  
9 wearing their Áo Dài in public, not only during Lunar New Year  
10 Celebration season, but also at music concerts, weddings, and  
11 nontraditional celebrations throughout the year; and  
12 WHEREAS, More Vietnamese cultural festivals and cultural  
13 pageants have been hosting competitions for the best Áo Dài,  
14 showcasing a wide array of designs that represent the unique  
15 traditions and cultures from different regions of Vietnam; and  
16 WHEREAS, The Áo Dài has been a topic for domestic and  
17 international composers and artists across the world to depict  
18 Vietnamese culture; now, therefore, be it  
19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
20 Assembly recognizes May 12, 2024 to May 18, 2024, inclusive,  
21 as Áo Dài Week and encourages Californians to take part in this  
22 joyous week of cultural celebration; and be it further  
23 *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes the historical  
24 significance of the Áo Dài and the festivals of the Áo Dài, and  
25 expresses its deep respect for Vietnamese American, Vietnamese  
26 refugee, and Vietnamese overseas communities throughout the  
27 world during this significant occasion.

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 94 (Kalra) – As Introduced April 18, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Áo Dài Week.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 12, 2024, to May 18, 2024, inclusive, as Áo Dài Week and encourages Californians to take part in this joyous week of cultural celebration. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Áo Dài is a Vietnamese traditional long gown of great cultural and historic significance to Vietnamese American, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities. The Áo Dài has been recognized as a component of the cultural aesthetic and heritage of the Vietnamese diaspora by the State of California.
- 2) The Áo Dài Festival, a multidimensional experience celebrating Vietnamese art and culture founded by Dan Do and the late Jenny Do, has been held biennially in the downtown of the City of San Jose and has brought together artists and social activists across the nation with the intent of encouraging generations to appreciate and learn about Vietnamese culture.
- 3) There are approximately 2.3 million people of Vietnamese origin in the United States, nearly 190,000 of whom are residents of the County of Orange, 140,000 of whom are residents of the County of Santa Clara, with the City of San Jose claiming home to the highest population of Vietnamese origin per area outside of the country of Vietnam, and 27,000 of whom are residents of the County of Sacramento.
- 4) Áo Dài Day and Áo Dài Festival will be celebrated throughout the State of California during Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month in May 2024.
- 5) The Vietnamese diaspora, the Áo Dài, the Áo Dài festivals, and Áo Dài Day contribute to the cultural heritage of the people of the State of California and celebrate the beauty of American diversity.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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**House Resolution**

**No. 99**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bains**

April 29, 2024

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House Resolution No. 99—Relative to AAPI Women’s Equal Pay Day.

- 1 WHEREAS, More than 50 years after the passage of the federal  
2 Equal Pay Act of 1963, women, especially women of color,  
3 continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay; and  
4 WHEREAS, According to the United States Census Bureau,  
5 women make \$0.82 for every dollar men are paid; and  
6 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of  
7 Labor, the median annual earnings for women in 2022 was about  
8 \$52,000, while the median annual earnings for men in 2022 was  
9 about \$62,000; and  
10 WHEREAS, The wage gap for Asian American, Native  
11 Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander women is \$0.80 for every dollar  
12 White, non-Hispanic men make; and  
13 WHEREAS, Four out of 10 women experience gender  
14 discrimination and are much more likely to work a part-time job  
15 compared to men; and  
16 WHEREAS, Nearly 4 in 10 mothers are the primary  
17 breadwinners in their households, and nearly two-thirds of mothers  
18 are the primary or significant earners, making pay equity critical  
19 to the financial security of their families; and  
20 WHEREAS, A lifetime of lower pay means women have less  
21 income to save for retirement and less income counted in a social  
22 security or pension benefit formula; and

1 WHEREAS, Women continue to be underrepresented in the  
2 fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and  
3 business, as well as in managerial positions, and are  
4 overrepresented in teaching, assistant, and childcare occupations;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Fair pay in California would strengthen the security  
7 of individuals and families today, regardless of education or  
8 socioeconomic status, while enhancing our statewide economy;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, May 3 symbolizes the day in 2024 when the wages  
11 paid to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander  
12 women catch up to the wages paid to males from the previous year  
13 nationwide; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
15 Assembly proclaims May 3, 2024, as AAPI Women’s Equal Pay  
16 Day in California, in recognition of the need to eliminate the gender  
17 gap in earnings by women and to promote policies to ensure equal  
18 pay for all; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 99 (Bains) – As Introduced April 29, 2024

**SUBJECT:** AAPI Women’s Equal Pay Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims May 3, 2024, as AAPI Women’s Equal Pay Day in California, in recognition of the need to eliminate the gender gap in earnings by women and to promote policies to ensure equal pay for all. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 50 years after the passage of the federal Equal Pay Act of 1963, women, especially women of color, continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay. According to the United States Census Bureau, women make \$0.82 for every dollar men are paid.
- 2) According to the United States Department of Labor, the median annual earnings for women in 2022 was about \$52,000, while the median annual earnings for men in 2022 was about \$62,000.
- 3) The wage gap for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander women is \$0.80 for every dollar White, non-Hispanic men make.
- 4) Nearly 4 in 10 mothers are the primary breadwinners in their households, and nearly two-thirds of mothers are the primary or significant earners, making pay equity critical to the financial security of their families.
- 5) A lifetime of lower pay means women have less income to save for retirement and less income counted in a social security or pension benefit formula.
- 6) Fair pay in California would strengthen the security of individuals and families today, regardless of education or socioeconomic status, while enhancing our statewide economy.
- 7) May 3 symbolizes the day in 2024 when the wages paid to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander women catch up to the wages paid to males from the previous year nationwide.

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

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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