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

CONSENT AGENDA

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 8/19/2024  
**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

08/20/2024

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>HR 123</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 124</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 125</u>	RLS.

**House Resolution**

**No. 123**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Papan**

August 15, 2024

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House Resolution No. 123—Relative to Mahsa Amini Day.

1 WHEREAS, On September 16, 2022, Mahsa Amini, who was  
2 22 years of age, passed away in the custody of the Morality Police  
3 of Iran after being detained for purportedly wearing a hijab  
4 “improperly”; and

5 WHEREAS, Mahsa Amini’s death sparked the first Iranian  
6 female-led revolution of our time, involving thousands of Iranian  
7 civilians, including teenagers, students, men, and women of all  
8 ages, taking to the streets and university campuses to protest the  
9 brutality and repression of the Iranian regime against its citizens  
10 and calling for human rights for its population of 84,000,000  
11 people; and

12 WHEREAS, Across the world, thousands of marchers continue  
13 to demonstrate in support of the people of Iran and to send a  
14 message that the people of Iran’s bravery in risking their lives to  
15 dismantle the status quo enforced by a fanatical, theocratic regime  
16 is not in vain; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the National Organization for Civil  
18 Registration of Iran, the United States has the highest number of  
19 Iranians outside of Iran, close to 1,000,000 people, with over  
20 one-half residing in California. Most Iranian Americans reside in  
21 the greater Los Angeles area, which has been affectionately referred  
22 to as “Tehrangeles” or “Little Persia” among Iranian Americans;  
23 and

1 WHEREAS, Iranians have made important contributions as  
2 Californians in the fields of finance, technology, law, medicine,  
3 education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and government;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mahsa Amini’s tragic death serves as a reminder  
6 of the ongoing struggle for gender equality, urging us to not only  
7 reflect on the challenges that remain, but also to intensify our  
8 efforts and unwavering commitment to advancing the rights and  
9 dignity of women everywhere; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
11 Assembly hereby proclaims September 16, 2024, as Mahsa Amini  
12 Day; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 123 (Papan) – As Introduced August 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Mahsa Amini Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims September 16, 2024, as Mahsa Amini Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On September 16, 2022, Mahsa Amini, who was 22 years of age, passed away in the custody of the Morality Police of Iran after being detained for purportedly wearing a hijab “improperly”.
- 2) Mahsa Amini’s death sparked the first Iranian female-led revolution of our time, involving thousands of Iranian civilians, including teenagers, students, men, and women of all ages, taking to the streets and university campuses to protest the brutality and repression of the Iranian regime against its citizens and calling for human rights for its population of 84 million people.
- 3) Across the world, thousands of marchers continue to demonstrate in support of the people of Iran and to send a message that the people of Iran’s bravery in risking their lives to dismantle the status quo enforced by a fanatical, theocratic regime is not in vain.
- 4) According to the National Organization for Civil Registration of Iran, the United States has the highest number of Iranians outside of Iran, close to 1,000,000 people, with over one-half residing in California. Most Iranian Americans reside in the greater Los Angeles area, which has been affectionately referred to as “Tehrangeles” or “Little Persia” among Iranian Americans.
- 5) Iranians have made important contributions as Californians in the fields of finance, technology, law, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and government.
- 6) Mahsa Amini’s tragic death serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for gender equality, urging us to not only reflect on the challenges that remain, but also to intensify our efforts and unwavering commitment to advancing the rights and dignity of women everywhere.

**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. 124**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes**

August 15, 2024

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House Resolution No. 124—Relative to California Promotoras Month.

1 WHEREAS, The delivery of health care is often constrained by  
2 issues of access and outreach to individuals and their families; and

3 WHEREAS, Barriers to accessing quality health care and mental  
4 health care services include financial barriers, being uninsured or  
5 underinsured, geographical issues such as residing in medically  
6 underserved communities, fragmentation of health care services,  
7 poor outreach to and education of vulnerable communities,  
8 language barriers, and a lack of diversity and cultural competency  
9 in the health care workforce; and

10 WHEREAS, For hundreds of years, Promotoras and community  
11 health workers have been fighting the effects of catastrophic  
12 epidemics, inequalities, and injustices; and

13 WHEREAS, Promotoras, also known as community health  
14 workers, peer leaders, or health advocates, serve as cultural brokers  
15 who provide a unique understanding of the cultures they serve,  
16 serving as a bridge between the community and the public health  
17 care delivery system and providing education and prevention  
18 information and resources in a manner that is culturally and  
19 linguistically appropriate. As the authentic voice of their  
20 community, Promotoras also connect governments and  
21 policymakers to people living in that community and are at the  
22 core of community transformation; and

23 WHEREAS, As a predominantly women-led workforce,  
24 Promotoras are trusted messengers and leaders in their

1 communities, “puentes de la comunidad” (community bridges),  
2 and essential workers who know how to connect with  
3 under-resourced and traditionally underserved communities.  
4 Trusted by often marginalized community members who go to  
5 them for information, resources, and guidance, they share similar  
6 characteristics as the residents they serve and provide “servicio de  
7 corazón” (service from the heart). Paid and volunteer community  
8 workers, primarily associated with community-based organizations,  
9 their diverse job titles include peer educators, outreach workers,  
10 health advocates, and patient navigators who educate, empower,  
11 and advocate for community change in linguistically and culturally  
12 responsive ways; and

13 WHEREAS, Promotoras are paid employees, independent  
14 contractors, or volunteers who may receive a stipend for their  
15 work, and who may be associated with city and county health and  
16 human services and mental health agencies, nonprofit  
17 community-based organizations, health clinics, hospitals, schools,  
18 and community centers. Promotoras have demonstrated a  
19 significant level of impact in delivering health care education and  
20 services, particularly in maternal and child health and chronic  
21 disease prevention and management, including, but not limited to,  
22 asthma, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and HIV/AIDS,  
23 throughout the continuum of life; and

24 WHEREAS, As highlighted in Visión y Compromiso’s “The  
25 Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the Promotora Workforce,”  
26 the Promotora workforce is critical as it attends to the needs of the  
27 most underserved communities, closing health gaps and addressing  
28 systemic health inequities. Furthermore, Promotoras’ cost-effective  
29 interventions not only enhance community well-being, but also  
30 result in substantial savings in health care expenditures; and

31 WHEREAS, In a time of mounting economic, political, and  
32 social challenges, Promotoras, both paid and volunteer, provide  
33 aid and support to those most in need at clinics, churches,  
34 workplaces, schools, parks, hospitals, farm fields, and in the  
35 neighborhoods where they live and raise their own families; and

36 WHEREAS, Visión y Compromiso has brought together  
37 thousands of individuals and hundreds of organizations in  
38 California united as one voice behind a vision of a dignified and  
39 healthy life for all, “Hacia Una Vida Digna y Sana,” and while  
40 growing in leadership and experience, and despite their heartfelt



1 service and documented successes, Promotoras receive little  
2 recognition for their work and often face serious challenges  
3 accessing educational and employment training opportunities;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the  
6 Assembly acknowledges the work of Promotoras and duly  
7 recognizes their leadership to build a greater community; and be  
8 it further

9 *Resolved,* That the Assembly also duly recognizes the leadership  
10 provided by regional coordinators, advocates, and advisors of  
11 organizations for their dedication to and collaboration with  
12 Promotoras across California; and be it further

13 *Resolved,* That the Assembly supports the continuing effort of  
14 Promotoras to increase support of the well-being of California  
15 communities; and be it further

16 *Resolved,* That the Assembly declares the month of October as  
17 California Promotoras Month in order to raise awareness of the  
18 important contributions of Promotoras; 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: August 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 124 (Reyes) – As Introduced August 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** California Promotoras Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of October as California Promotoras Month in order to raise awareness of the important contributions of Promotoras. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) For hundreds of years, Promotoras and community health workers have been fighting the effects of catastrophic epidemics, inequalities, and injustices. The delivery of health care is often constrained by issues of access and outreach to individuals and their families.
- 2) Promotoras, also known as community health workers, peer leaders, or health advocates, serve as cultural brokers who provide a unique understanding of the cultures they serve, serving as a bridge between the community and the public health care delivery system and providing education and prevention information and resources in a manner that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.
- 3) As the authentic voice of their community, they also connect governments and policymakers to people living in that community and are at the core of community transformation.
- 4) As a predominantly women-led workforce, Promotoras are trusted messengers and leaders in their communities, “puentes de la comunidad” (community bridges), and essential workers who know how to connect with under-resourced and traditionally underserved communities.
- 5) Promotoras have demonstrated a significant level of impact in delivering health care education and services, particularly in maternal and child health and chronic disease prevention and management, including, but not limited to, asthma, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and HIV/AIDS, throughout the continuum of life.
- 6) In a time of mounting economic, political, and social challenges, Promotoras provide aid and support to those most in need at clinics, churches, workplaces, schools, parks, hospitals, farm fields, and in the neighborhoods where they live and raise their own families.

**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. 125**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio**

August 15, 2024

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House Resolution No. 125—Relative to Aromatic L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase Deficiency Awareness Day.

1 WHEREAS, A rare disease is generally considered to be a  
2 disease that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States  
3 at any given time; and

4 WHEREAS, There are more than 6,800 rare diseases.  
5 Altogether, rare diseases affect an estimated 25,000,000 to  
6 30,000,000, inclusive, Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, Some rare diseases are often severely debilitating,  
8 impacting not only the patients but their families and loved ones,  
9 and have no effective treatments; and

10 WHEREAS, Aromatic l-amino acid decarboxylase (AADC)  
11 deficiency is a life-limiting, severely debilitating genetic neurologic  
12 condition that significantly impacts a patient’s development, motor  
13 skills, growth, and cognitive and language skills; and

14 WHEREAS, AADC deficiency results from an inherited genetic  
15 disease where patients lack the AADC enzyme that is required to  
16 create dopamine. Without dopamine, patients will never achieve  
17 motor milestones like holding their heads up, sitting, or standing,  
18 develop the ability to communicate, or perform the most basic of  
19 life’s needs. Patients are diagnosed through genetic and other  
20 biochemical tests; and

21 WHEREAS, Patients suffering from AADC deficiency often  
22 have low muscle tone that is unexplained and not improving. There

1 are also other symptoms, such as developmental delays and  
2 involuntary eye movements; and

3 WHEREAS, AADC deficiency is a rare genetic neurological  
4 disease, and there have been approximately 350 cases of AADC  
5 Deficiency reported worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, Caregivers of patients with AADC deficiency face  
7 many challenges and are often responsible for the overall care of  
8 the patient; and

9 WHEREAS, The Legislature can raise awareness of AADC  
10 deficiency in the public and medical communities; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
13 Assembly designates October 23, 2024, as Aromatic L-Amino  
14 Acid Decarboxylase Deficiency Awareness Day and encourages  
15 Californians to become better informed about, and aware of, AADC  
16 deficiency; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 125 (Blanca Rubio) – As Introduced August 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Aromatic L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase Deficiency Awareness Day.

**SUMMARY:** Designates October 23, 2024, as Aromatic L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase Deficiency Awareness Day, and encourages Californians to become better informed about, and aware of, AADC deficiency. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Some rare diseases are often severely debilitating, impacting not only the patients but their families and loved ones, and have no effective treatments. A rare disease is generally considered to be a disease that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States at any given time. There are more than 6,800 rare diseases.
- 2) Aromatic l-amino acid decarboxylase (AADC) deficiency is a life-limiting, severely debilitating genetic neurologic condition that significantly impacts a patient's development, motor skills, growth, and cognitive and language skills.
- 3) AADC deficiency results from an inherited genetic disease where patients lack the AADC enzyme that is required to create dopamine. Without dopamine, patients will never achieve motor milestones like holding their heads up, sitting, or standing, develop the ability to communicate, or perform the most basic of life's needs. Patients are diagnosed through genetic and other biochemical tests.
- 4) AADC deficiency is a rare genetic neurological disease, and there have been approximately 350 cases of AADC deficiency reported worldwide. Caregivers of patients with AADC deficiency face many challenges and are often responsible for the overall care of the patient.
- 5) The Legislature can raise awareness of AADC deficiency in the public and medical communities.

**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