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Thursday, January 23, 2025
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: 1/22/2025
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, ACR 18 has been added to the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

01/23/2025

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACR 11</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 17</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 18</u>	RLS.
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 11

Introduced by Assembly Member Ahrens

January 7, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11—Relative to Anesthesiologists Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 11, as introduced, Ahrens. Anesthesiologists Week.

This measure would designate the week of January 26, 2025, to February 2, 2025, inclusive, as Anesthesiologists Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Anesthesiologists are guardians of patient safety
2 in health care—in the operating room, in the delivery room, in the
3 intensive care unit, in pain management clinics, and on the front
4 lines battling the opioid epidemic; and

5 WHEREAS, Their years of education and training prepare them
6 to navigate these life-and-death moments, transitioning from the
7 operating room to the emergency room and acting as perioperative
8 medicine experts for the sickest of patients; and

9 WHEREAS, Anesthesiologists were made for this moment,
10 playing a critical role in keeping patients safe in this state and
11 community, whether caring for COVID-19 patients, managing a
12 critical event during surgery or labor and delivery, or providing
13 pain management for complex pain syndromes; and

14 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, more than
15 100,000,000 operations and procedures are performed with
16 anesthesia, and anesthesiologists play a critical role in a patient’s

1 well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures and make
2 patient safety their top priority; and

3 WHEREAS, Anesthesiologists are medical doctors who have
4 completed four years of medical school, have the highest levels
5 of training during anesthesiology residency, and must complete
6 between 12,000 and 16,000, inclusive, hours of training prior to
7 practicing independently; and

8 WHEREAS, Anesthesiologists have been leaders in patient
9 safety and cited as the only medical specialty to have significantly
10 improved patient safety; and

11 WHEREAS, An anesthesiologist's duties include evaluating a
12 patient's current health status prior to receiving anesthesia to ensure
13 the best outcome, administering anesthesia, monitoring the patient
14 during surgery, and assessing the patient after the procedure is
15 completed; and

16 WHEREAS, This spectrum of patient care constitutes the
17 perioperative surgical home, which the American Society of
18 Anesthesiologists has identified as an innovative model in patient
19 care where the physician anesthesiologist directs the anesthesia
20 care team to provide support to the patient throughout all aspects
21 of surgical care and procedures; and

22 WHEREAS, There is up to a 20-percent reduction in adverse
23 events when anesthesiologists lead the anesthesia care team; and

24 WHEREAS, The American Medical Association completed a
25 public opinion survey that concluded that 70 percent of patients
26 want a physician to administer and monitor anesthesia levels; and

27 WHEREAS, Anesthesia is safer than ever before, yet there
28 remains potential for complications and side effects during
29 procedures, and anesthesiologists have the advanced training and
30 expertise to help minimize these risks, monitor for any problems,
31 and make life-saving decisions; and

32 WHEREAS, During surgeries or procedures, when seconds
33 count, anesthesiologists have the highest degree of training to
34 respond to emergencies and ensure the best patient outcomes; and

35 WHEREAS, The California Society of Anesthesiologists is a
36 physician organization with over 3,000 members dedicated to
37 promoting the highest standards of the profession of
38 anesthesiology, fostering excellence through continuing medical
39 education, and serving as an advocate for anesthesiologists and
40 their patients; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the
3 week of January 26, 2025, to February 2, 2025, inclusive, as
4 Anesthesiologists Week; and be it further
5 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: January 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 11 (Ahrens) – As Introduced January 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Anesthesiologists Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of January 26, 2025, to February 2, 2025, inclusive, as Anesthesiologist Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Annually in the United States, more than 100 million operations and procedures are performed with anesthesia, and anesthesiologists play a critical role in a patient’s well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures and make patient safety their top priority.
- 2) Anesthesiologists are guardians of patient safety in health care: in the operating room, in the delivery room, in the intensive care unit, in pain management clinics, and on the front lines battling the opioid epidemic.
- 3) Anesthesiologists are medical doctors that have completed 4 years of medical school, have the highest levels of training during anesthesiology residency, and must complete between 12,000 and 16,000 hours of training prior to practicing independently.
- 4) Their years of education and training prepare anesthesiologists to navigate life-and-death moments, transitioning from the operating room to the emergency room and acting as perioperative medicine experts for the sickest of patients.
- 5) Anesthesiologists have been leaders in patient safety, and cited as the only medical specialty to have significantly improved patient safety.
- 6) Anesthesiologists were made for this moment, playing a critical role in keeping patients safe in California, whether caring for COVID-19 patients, managing a critical event during surgery or labor and delivery, or providing pain management for complex pain syndromes.

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. 17

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hadwick
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Flora)**

January 17, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to certified registered nurse anesthetists.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 17, as introduced, Hadwick. National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week.

This measure would commend certified registered nurse anesthetists for their expertise, dedication, and service to the people of California, acknowledge their critical role in promoting opioid-free, opioid-sparing, and nonopioid pain management strategies, and celebrate National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week 2025.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs)
2 are highly trained, advanced practice registered nurses specializing
3 in anesthesiology who provide independent anesthesia care to
4 patients before, during, and after surgical, obstetrical, and trauma
5 procedures; and
6 WHEREAS, CRNAs are integral to California’s health care
7 system, offering safe, cost-effective, and accessible anesthesia care
8 in urban centers, rural hospitals, military settings, and underserved
9 communities across the state; and
10 WHEREAS, CRNAs have completed rigorous academic and
11 clinical training, including advanced education in pharmacology,

1 physiology, and anesthesia practice, which makes them leaders in
2 the field of anesthesiology and vital contributors to California’s
3 health care workforce; and

4 WHEREAS, CRNAs are at the forefront of addressing the opioid
5 epidemic by advancing the use of opioid-free and opioid-sparing
6 anesthesia techniques that reduce patients’ exposure to opioids,
7 minimize the risk of dependence, and contribute to long-term
8 public health solutions; and

9 WHEREAS, CRNAs utilize innovative nonopioid pain
10 management strategies, such as multimodal anesthesia, peripheral
11 nerve blocks, regional anesthesia, and the use of nonopioid
12 medications like acetaminophen, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory
13 drugs, and adjunctive therapies, to effectively control pain while
14 avoiding opioid-related complications; and

15 WHEREAS, CRNAs are instrumental in educating patients,
16 families, and health care teams on the benefits of nonopioid
17 techniques, promoting individualized care plans that prioritize
18 safety, comfort, and recovery; and

19 WHEREAS, CRNAs collaborate with health care providers to
20 implement enhanced recovery after surgery protocols, which
21 emphasize opioid-free or opioid-sparing approaches to improve
22 patient outcomes, reduce postoperative complications, and shorten
23 hospital stays; and

24 WHEREAS, The expertise of CRNAs in developing and
25 applying these innovative techniques not only addresses the
26 immediate needs of patients but also plays a critical role in reducing
27 the overall societal impact of the opioid crisis; and

28 WHEREAS, CRNAs demonstrate leadership in health care
29 policy, education, research, and clinical practice and advance the
30 standards of anesthesia care while addressing California’s diverse
31 and evolving health care needs; and

32 WHEREAS, The week of January 19–25, 2025, has been
33 designated as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
34 Week to celebrate and recognize the contributions of CRNAs to
35 the health and well-being of Californians; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby commends certified
38 registered nurse anesthetists for their expertise, dedication, and
39 service to the people of California, acknowledges their critical role
40 in promoting opioid-free, opioid-sparing, and nonopioid pain

- 1 management strategies, and joins in celebrating National CRNA
- 2 Week 2025; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: January 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 17 (Hadwick) – As Introduced January 17, 2025

SUBJECT: National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of January 19-25, 2025, as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week to celebrate and recognize the contributions of these individuals to the health and well-being of Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are highly trained, advanced practice registered nurses specializing in anesthesiology who provide independent anesthesia care to patients before, during, and after surgical, obstetrical, and trauma procedures.
- 2) CRNAs are integral to California’s health care system, offering safe, cost-effective, and accessible anesthesia care in urban centers, rural hospitals, military settings, and underserved communities across the state. They have completed rigorous academic and clinical training, including advanced education in pharmacology, physiology, and anesthesia practice.
- 3) CRNAs are at the forefront of addressing the opioid epidemic by advancing the use of opioid-free and opioid-sparing anesthesia techniques that reduce patients’ exposure to opioids, minimize the risk of dependence, and contribute to long-term public health solutions.
- 4) CRNAs utilize innovative nonopioid pain management strategies, such as multimodal anesthesia, peripheral nerve blocks, regional anesthesia, and the use of nonopioid medications like acetaminophen, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and adjunctive therapies, to effectively control pain while avoiding opioid-related complications.
- 5) CRNAs collaborate with health care providers to implement enhanced recovery after surgery protocols, which emphasize opioid-free or opioid-sparing approaches to improve patient outcomes, reduce postoperative complications, and shorten hospital stays.
- 6) The expertise of CRNAs in developing and applying these innovative techniques not only addresses the immediate needs of patients but also plays a critical role in reducing the overall societal impact of the opioid crisis.
- 7) CRNAs demonstrate leadership in health care policy, education, research, and clinical practice and advance the standards of anesthesia care while addressing California’s diverse and evolving health care needs.

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. 18

Introduced by Assembly Member Sharp-Collins

January 22, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 18—Relative to Maternal Health Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 18, as introduced, Sharp-Collins. Maternal Health Awareness Day.

This measure would proclaim January 23, 2025, as Maternal Health Awareness Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States ranks highest among
2 industrialized nations in maternal mortality; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 700 women die each year in the United
4 States as a result of pregnancy or delivery complications, and more
5 than one-half of these deaths are preventable; and

6 WHEREAS, While the national maternal mortality rate continues
7 to rise, California continues to work diligently and successfully to
8 reverse this alarming trend; and

9 WHEREAS, The California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative
10 (CMQCC), a multistakeholder organization committed to ending
11 preventable morbidity, mortality, and racial disparities in California
12 maternity care, was founded in 2006 at Stanford University School
13 of Medicine, in coordination with the California
14 Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (CA-PAMR) and the

1 Public Health Institute, in response to rising maternal mortality
2 and morbidity rates; and

3 WHEREAS, CMQCC uses research, quality improvement
4 toolkits, statewide outreach collaboratives, and its innovative
5 Maternal Data Center to improve health outcomes for mothers and
6 infants; and

7 WHEREAS, Since the inception of CMQCC and CA-PAMR,
8 California has recorded a maternal mortality decline by 55 percent
9 from 2006 to 2013, inclusive, and has successfully decreased the
10 maternal mortality rate to seven deaths per 100,000 live births;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, California's annual pregnancy-related mortality
13 ratios remained low and largely stable from 2008 to 2016,
14 inclusive, fluctuating between 9.5 and 14.9 deaths per 100,000
15 live births; and

16 WHEREAS, CA-PAMR reported that California suicide ratios
17 remained relatively stable from 2008 to 2016, inclusive, regardless
18 of pregnancy status, and women who were pregnant in the year
19 prior to death were significantly less likely to die by suicide than
20 reproductive-age women who were not pregnant within the prior
21 year; and

22 WHEREAS, A woman's maternal mental health condition can
23 also be a factor in maternal mortality and recent efforts have been
24 made to bring greater awareness to maternal mental health, ensure
25 more women are screened and treated for postpartum depression
26 or psychosis, and ensure more women remain covered by health
27 insurance upon diagnosis; and

28 WHEREAS, Improved screening alone can reduce the severity
29 of postpartum depression, which makes the efforts of obstetric
30 providers, including implementing more aggressive screening
31 techniques and making strides to further recognize and treat
32 maternal mental health conditions, immensely valuable; and

33 WHEREAS, While California has set an example for the rest
34 of the country and has made progress to reduce maternal mortality
35 through investment in maternal health programs, strong leadership
36 and engagement of the maternity care community, and targeted
37 hospital quality improvement, more needs to be done to narrow
38 racial and ethnic disparities, especially with Black women, who
39 account for only 5 percent of pregnancies in California but
40 represent 21 percent of pregnancy-related deaths and whose

1 pregnancy-related mortality ratio is three to four times greater than
2 the mortality ratios for women of other racial or ethnic groups,
3 including White, Hispanic, and Asian and Pacific Islander; and

4 WHEREAS, The State Department of Public Health must
5 continue its surveillance to bring heightened awareness to maternal
6 health and lower maternal deaths; and

7 WHEREAS, California must maintain its efforts to maximize
8 health prior to pregnancy, including, but not limited to, preventing
9 smoking, improving fitness, reducing sexually transmitted diseases,
10 and promoting positive relationships; and

11 WHEREAS, California must continue to address the postpartum
12 needs of women through such efforts as postpartum visits and
13 interconception care, breastfeeding support, and screening for
14 postpartum depression; and

15 WHEREAS, California should continue to promote positive
16 birth outcomes for all women through actions, including maternity
17 care quality improvement and home visiting for vulnerable
18 pregnant women, providing additional support for Black women,
19 and increasing culturally and linguistically relevant public
20 awareness about maternal mental health risk factors, signs,
21 symptoms, treatment, and recovery; and

22 WHEREAS, California should maintain its efforts to improve
23 the coordination of care between obstetrics and psychiatry
24 regarding mental health treatment, as needed, and to continue
25 advancements for improved screening for mental health conditions
26 during and after pregnancy, as well as screening for substance use,
27 adverse childhood experiences, medical diagnoses, including
28 infectious disease, and intimate partner violence; and

29 WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to bring awareness to
30 maternal health and continue its work to provide positive outcomes
31 for both the mother and the infant; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims January 23,*
34 *2025, as Maternal Health Awareness Day to draw attention to the*
35 *efforts that have improved maternal health in California and to*
36 *highlight the need for continued improvement of maternal health*
37 *for all women; and be it further*

ACR 18

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- 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: January 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 18 (Sharp-Collins) – As Introduced January 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Maternal Health Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims January 23, 2025, as Maternal Health Awareness Day, to draw attention to the efforts that have improved maternal health in California and to highlight the need for continued improvement of maternal health for all women. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The United States ranks highest among industrialized nations in maternal mortality.
- 2) While the national maternal mortality rate continues to rise, California continues to work diligently and successfully to reverse this alarming trend.
- 3) The California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC), a multi-stakeholder organization committed to ending preventable morbidity, mortality, and racial disparities in California maternity care, was founded in 2006 at Stanford University School of Medicine, in coordination with the California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (CA-PAMR) and the Public Health Institute, in response to rising maternal mortality and morbidity rates.
- 4) The CMQCC uses research, quality improvement toolkits, statewide outreach collaboratives, and its innovative Maternal Data Center to improve health outcomes for mothers and infants.
- 5) A woman's maternal mental health condition can also be a factor in maternal mortality. Recent efforts have been made to bring greater awareness to maternal mental health, ensure more women are screened and treated for postpartum depression or psychosis, and ensure women remain covered by health insurance upon diagnosis.
- 6) Improved screening alone can reduce the severity of postpartum depression. Obstetric providers are implementing more aggressive screening techniques and making strides to further recognize and treat maternal mental health conditions.
- 7) The State Department of Public Health must continue its surveillance to bring heightened awareness to maternal health and lower maternal deaths.
- 8) California must maintain its efforts to maximize health prior to pregnancy, including, but not limited to, preventing smoking, improving fitness, reducing sexually transmitted diseases, and promoting positive relationships; and, must continue to address the postpartum needs of women through such efforts as postpartum visits and interconception care, breastfeeding support, and screening for postpartum depression.
- 9) California should maintain its efforts to improve the coordination of care between obstetrics and psychiatry regarding mental health treatment, as needed, and to continue advancements for improved screening for mental health conditions during and after pregnancy, as well as screening for substance use, adverse childhood experiences, medical diagnoses, including infectious disease, and intimate partner violence.

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. 6

Introduced by Assembly Member Connolly

December 2, 2024

House Resolution No. 6—Relative to school governance.

1 WHEREAS, An excellent and continuously improving public
2 education system is vital to the quality of life of all California
3 citizens and communities; and

4 WHEREAS, California has nearly 1,000 school districts and
5 county offices of education throughout the state, represented by
6 nearly 5,000 school board members accounting for the largest
7 number of locally elected officials in the state; and

8 WHEREAS, The first school district in the United States was
9 established in 1721; and

10 WHEREAS, Local school district governing boards and county
11 boards of education are a central part of our democracy; and

12 WHEREAS, The mission of public schools to meet the diverse
13 educational needs of all children and to empower pupils to become
14 productive and thoughtful contributors to a democratic society and
15 an ever-changing world is more important now than ever before;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Local school boards consistently work to ensure
18 that every pupil’s academic, social-emotional, physical, and mental
19 health needs are a priority; and

20 WHEREAS, Each and every day, school board members
21 continue to advocate to best serve children and parents in our
22 communities; and

23 WHEREAS, Local school board members are committed to
24 pupils and believe that all pupils can be successful learners and

1 that the best education is tailored towards providing every pupil
2 with an opportunity to learn; and

3 WHEREAS, School board members work closely with parents,
4 certificated and classified educational professionals, and other
5 community members to create effective learning environments
6 where all pupils can thrive; and

7 WHEREAS, School board members are responsible for building
8 and maintaining the structures that provide a solid foundation for
9 our public school system; and

10 WHEREAS, School board members are strong advocates for
11 public education who are responsible for communicating the needs
12 of the schools and for understanding the interests and expectations
13 of the diverse communities that they represent; and

14 WHEREAS, School Board Recognition Month is an ideal time
15 to recognize and celebrate the Californians serving on school
16 district governing boards and county boards of education who help
17 guide the education of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,
18 inclusive, and who prepare these pupils for the opportunities and
19 challenges of the 21st century and beyond; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
21 Assembly hereby declares the state’s appreciation to every school
22 board and school board member in California and recognizes their
23 dedicated commitment to serving the needs of pupils in our
24 communities by proclaiming the month of January 2025 as School
25 Board Recognition Month; and be it further

26 *Resolved,* That the Assembly of the State of California urges
27 all community members to join the Assembly in recognizing the
28 dedication and hard work of local school board members and to
29 work with local school board members to create an education
30 system that meets the needs of all of our children; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: January 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 6 (Connolly) – As Introduced December 2, 2024

SUBJECT: School Governance.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of January 2025 as School Board Recognition Month and recognizes the dedicated commitment of every school board and school board member in California to serving the needs of pupils in our communities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California has nearly 1,000 school districts and county offices of education throughout the state, represented by nearly 5,000 school board members accounting for the largest number of locally elected officials in the state.
- 2) The mission of public schools to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower pupils to become productive and thoughtful contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world is more important now than ever before.
- 3) Local school boards consistently work to ensure that every pupil's academic, social-emotional, physical, and mental health needs are a priority. Each and every day, school board members continue to advocate to best serve children and parents in our communities.
- 4) School board members work closely with parents, certificated and classified educational professionals, and other community members to create effective learning environments where all pupils can thrive. They are responsible for building and maintaining the structures that provide a solid foundation for our public school system.
- 5) An excellent and continuously improving public education system is vital to the quality of life of all California citizens and communities.
- 6) School Board Recognition Month is an ideal time to recognize and celebrate the Californians serving on school district governing boards and county boards of education who help guide the education of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and who prepare these pupils for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century and beyond.

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. 8

**Introduced by Assembly Member Fong
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bains, Caloza,
Harabedian, Kalra, Lee, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, and Patel)
(Principal coauthors: Senators Cabaldon and Wahab)**

January 8, 2025

House Resolution No. 8—Relative to the Lunar New Year.

1 WHEREAS, January 29, 2025, will mark the beginning of the
2 Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities
3 around the world, including in the United States and especially in
4 California; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is celebrated on the second
6 new moon following the winter solstice, or the third new moon
7 following the winter solstice should an intercalary month intervene;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, California is home to nearly 6,000,000 Asian and
10 Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese,
11 Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean,
12 Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and
13 Vietnamese descent; and

14 WHEREAS, The Asian and Pacific Islander American
15 communities have greatly contributed to the social, cultural, civic,
16 economic, and academic success of California; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated
18 by the 2,500,000 Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Iu-Mien
19 residents of California; and

1 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is universally celebrated by
2 these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the
3 new year with a clean slate; and
4 WHEREAS, The Lunar Calendar rotates through 12-year cycles,
5 with each year representing an animal from The Great Race, and
6 through 60-year cycles—with each animal associated with one of
7 the five elements: metal, wood, fire, water, or earth—to create
8 harmony and balance; and
9 WHEREAS, The 2025 Lunar Year is the Year of the Wood
10 Snake, symbolizing versatility, growth, and creativity; and
11 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year in
12 communities throughout California illustrates the state’s rich
13 cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural
14 diversity; and
15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
16 Legislature joins Asian and Pacific Islander communities
17 throughout the state, nation, and world in celebrating January 29,
18 2025, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extends best
19 wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all
20 Californians; and be it further
21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: January 23, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 8 (Fong) – As Introduced January 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Lunar New Year.

SUMMARY: Celebrates January 29, 2025, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) January 29, 2025, will mark the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including the United States and especially in California.
- 2) California is home to nearly 6 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese descent.
- 3) The Asian and Pacific Islander American communities have greatly contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state.
- 4) The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated by the 2.5 million Chinese, Korean, Iu-Mien, and Vietnamese residents of California.
- 5) The Lunar Calendar rotates through 12-year cycles, with each year representing an animal from The Great Race, and through 60-year cycles—with each animal associated with one of the five elements: metal, wood, fire, water, or earth—to create harmony and balance.
- 6) The 2025 Lunar New Year is the Year of the Wood Snake, symbolizing versatility, growth, and creativity.
- 7) The celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout California illustrates the state’s rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural diversity.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FOR THE 2025-26 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

ISSUE:

Appointment of Lia Lopez as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly for the 2025-26 Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND:

Assembly Rule 14(d) states that the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules shall appoint a Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly, subject to the ratification of the Committee on Rules, who has duties relating to the administrative, fiscal, and business affairs of the Assembly that the committee shall prescribe.

The Chair of Rules recommends that the appointment of Lia Lopez as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly for the 2025-26 Legislative Session be ratified by the Committee on Rules.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
2025 ASSEMBLY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

ISSUE:

Approval of the proposed holiday schedule for the year 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Assembly Committee on Rules is responsible for creating a holiday schedule to be observed by Assembly employees during the calendar year.

In addition, the Rules Committee has authorized Assembly employees to take three personal holidays at any time during the year with the approval of the Assemblymember or supervisor.

In the instances where the proposed Assembly holiday differs from the State holiday, Assembly precedent has been followed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

2025 ASSEMBLY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following are proposed holidays to be observed by the Assembly in 2025:

Monday, January 20 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday, February 17 – PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, March 31 – CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY

Friday, July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

Monday, September 1 – LABOR DAY

Tuesday, November 11 – VETERANS DAY

Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 – THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Friday, January 2, 2026 – WINTER AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

In addition, the Rules Committee has authorized Assembly employees to take three personal holidays at any time during the year with the approval of the Assemblymember or supervisor. A personal holiday may be used to observe any holiday or ceremony of the employee's religion, culture, or heritage including, but not limited to, the following state holidays:

- Wednesday, January 29 – Lunar New Year
- Thursday, April 24 – Genocide Remembrance Day
- Thursday, June 19 – Juneteenth
- Friday, September 26 – Native American Day

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
SELECTION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RULES CHAIR
FOR THE 2025-26 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

ISSUE:

Selection of Blanca Pacheco as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Rules for the 2025-26 Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND:

Joint Rule 40 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly enumerates the duties and powers of the Joint Committee on Rules. One of the duties is to select a chairperson from its membership. The vice-chairperson of the committee shall be one of the Senate members of the committee, to be selected by the Senate Committee on Rules. The Chair of the Joint Committee on Rules has traditionally been the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Rules. Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco is the Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee. She was initially appointed by Speaker Rivas on November 21, 2023, and re-appointed on December 27, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Rules for the 2025-26 Legislative Session.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
APPOINTMENT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RULES
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FOR THE 2025-26 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

ISSUE:

Appointment of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Joint Committee on Rules for the 2025-26 Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND:

Joint Rule 40 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly enumerates the duties and powers of the Joint Committee on Rules. One of the duties is to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer of the committee, who shall have such duties relating to the administrative, fiscal, and business affairs of the committee as the committee shall prescribe. Traditionally, this position has been held by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly.

Lia Lopez has worked for the California State Assembly since 1997. Previously, Lia served as the Deputy Administrative Officer, worked in the Chief Clerk's Office as the Director of Floor Analysis, was Bill Referral Consultant to the Assembly Rules Committee, and staff in a San Diego Member's office.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve