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Monday, February 10, 2025
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: 2/7/2025
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

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

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

02/10/2025

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

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 19

Introduced by Assembly Member Macedo

January 23, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 19, as introduced, Macedo. Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

This measure would commemorate February 20, 2025, as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, February 20, 2025, is recognized nationally and
2 internationally as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day; and

3 WHEREAS, Women have historically made invaluable
4 contributions to the diverse fields of engineering, yet remain
5 underrepresented in both educational pathways and the professional
6 workforce; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1970, only about 3 percent of recorded engineers
8 were women; and

9 WHEREAS, By 2023, women made up approximately 30
10 percent of those employed in science and engineering fields; and

11 WHEREAS, Women currently earn about 22 percent of
12 bachelor’s degrees, 31 percent of master’s degrees, and nearly 26
13 percent of doctoral degrees in engineering; and

1 WHEREAS, Women hold about 15 percent of all engineering
2 jobs, reflecting ongoing challenges in achieving gender parity in
3 the field; and
4 WHEREAS, According to recent studies, 1 in 25 boys, but fewer
5 than 1 in 150 girls, report a high interest in pursuing careers in
6 information and computer technologies; and
7 WHEREAS, According to recent studies, women hold 13.7
8 percent globally of engineering jobs while men hold 86.3 percent
9 of engineering jobs; and
10 WHEREAS, Numerous organizations and programs across the
11 United States are dedicated to bridging the gender gap in
12 engineering by actively encouraging young women and girls to
13 explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
14 fields, which have been traditionally male-dominated; and
15 WHEREAS, STEM industries play a critical role in maintaining
16 California’s status as the fifth-largest economy globally, with
17 engineering at the forefront of innovation; now, therefore, be it
18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That February 20, 2025, is hereby
20 commemorated by the Legislature as Introduce a Girl to
21 Engineering Day; and be it further
22 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
23 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 19 (Macedo) – As Introduced January 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

SUMMARY: Commemorates February 20, 2025, as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) February 20, 2025, is recognized nationally and internationally as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.
- 2) Women have historically made invaluable contributions to the diverse fields of engineering, yet remain underrepresented in both educational pathways and the professional workforce.
- 3) In 1970, only about 3 percent of recorded engineers were women. By 2023, women made up approximately 30 percent of those employed in science and engineering fields.
- 4) Women currently earn about 22 percent of bachelor's degrees, 31 percent of master's degrees, and nearly 26 percent of doctoral degrees in engineering. Women hold about 15 percent of all engineering jobs, reflecting ongoing challenges in achieving gender parity in the field.
- 5) According to recent studies, women hold 13.7 percent globally of engineering jobs while men hold 86.3 percent of engineering jobs.
- 6) Numerous organizations and programs across the United States are dedicated to bridging the gender gap in engineering by actively encouraging young women and girls to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, which have been traditionally male-dominated.
- 7) STEM industries play a critical role in maintaining California's status as the fifth-largest economy globally, with engineering at the forefront of innovation.

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. 26

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ahrens, Nguyen, and Ransom)**

February 5, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Relative to CASA Appreciation Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 26, as introduced, Bonta. CASA Appreciation Day.

This measure would declare February 6, 2025, as CASA Appreciation Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, All children have the right to a home with loving
2 people to care for them, but each year in the United States,
3 hundreds of thousands of children are abused, neglected, or
4 abandoned by their families. These children are removed from
5 their homes, placed in foster care or institutions, and eventually
6 may end up as wards of the court; and

7 WHEREAS, A judge has the power to decide the future for
8 these children and whether they should remain in foster care, be
9 reunited with parents, or adopted, but in many cases, the children
10 become victims for a second time, lost in an overburdened child
11 welfare system that cannot pay close attention to each child; and

12 WHEREAS, CASA Appreciation Day recognizes the important
13 role played by Court Appointed Special Advocates for children
14 (CASA) volunteers. These trained community volunteers are
15 appointed by a judge as officers of the court to speak up for

1 children in juvenile court and to help humanize for these children
2 the often frightening and confusing child welfare and legal systems;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, Approximately 67,229 of California’s children are
5 living in foster care because they have been abused, neglected, or
6 abandoned. In 2023, 8,012 CASA volunteers supported 11,261
7 foster children in California by contributing a total of 379,672
8 hours. These CASA volunteers play an important role in their lives
9 by getting to know each child and letting the judge and others in
10 the child welfare system understand the child’s perspective and
11 needs; and
12 WHEREAS, The CASA mission is to ensure consistency and
13 support for children in the foster care system through the use of
14 volunteer advocates advancing the best interests of each child; and
15 WHEREAS, The CASA vision is one where every Californian
16 child in need is appointed a CASA volunteer to champion that
17 child without compromise, in court, in school, and in the
18 community, putting them on the path to a safe and permanent
19 home; now, therefore, be it
20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares that
22 February 6, 2025, is recognized as CASA Appreciation Day in
23 California; and be it further
24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
25 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 26 (Bonta) – As Introduced February 5, 2025

SUBJECT: CASA Appreciation Day.

SUMMARY: Declares February 6, 2025, as CASA Appreciation Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) CASA Appreciation Day recognizes the important role played by Court Appointed Special Advocates for children (CASA) volunteers. These trained community volunteers are appointed by a judge as officers of the court to speak up for children in juvenile court and to help humanize for these children the often frightening and confusing child welfare and legal systems.
- 2) All children have the right to a home with loving people to care for them, but each year in the United States, hundreds of thousands of children are abused, neglected, or abandoned by their families. These children are removed from their homes, placed in foster care or institutions, and eventually may end up as wards of the court.
- 3) A judge has the power to decide the future for these children and whether they should remain in foster care, be reunited with parents, or adopted, but in many cases, the children become victims for a second time, lost in an overburdened child welfare system that cannot pay close attention to each child.
- 4) The CASA mission is to ensure consistency and support for children in the foster care system through the use of volunteer advocates advancing the best interests of each child.
- 5) The CASA vision is one where every Californian child in need is appointed a CASA volunteer to champion that child without compromise, in court, in school, and in the community, putting them on the path to a safe and permanent home.

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. 29

Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin

February 6, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 29—Relative to Engineers Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 29, as introduced, Irwin. Engineers Week.

This measure would recognize the week of February 16, 2025, to February 22, 2025, as Engineers Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The week of February 16, 2025, to February 22,
2 2025, is being observed by state and national engineering
3 organizations as Engineers Week, during which time a number of
4 observances will take place in California; and

5 WHEREAS, Engineers Week is celebrating its 74th anniversary
6 with the theme “Design Your Future”; and

7 WHEREAS, Engineers Week promotes recognition among
8 parents, teachers, and students of the importance of a technical
9 education and a high level of mathematics, science, and technology
10 literacy, and motivates youth to pursue engineering careers and
11 participate in a diverse and vigorous engineering workforce; and

12 WHEREAS, California leads the world in science, technology,
13 engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, inspiring and
14 preparing all of its students to seize the opportunities of the global
15 society through innovation, inquiry, collaboration, and creative
16 problem solving; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
2 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are more than 1,700,000
3 practicing engineers in the United States, and according to the
4 Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists,
5 there are over 108,442 active, licensed engineers in the State of
6 California; and

7 WHEREAS, Engineers’ work drives our economy, and many
8 experts predict that the United States needs to produce more
9 engineers in order to meet future demand and to stay competitive
10 in the global marketplace; and

11 WHEREAS, Engineers practice in a number of important
12 specialties, including civil, mechanical, electrical, structural,
13 geotechnical, chemical, control systems, fire protection, nuclear,
14 industrial, petroleum, metallurgical, agricultural, and traffic, and
15 through these special disciplines, a complete range of engineering
16 services is provided to both the private and public sectors in
17 California; and

18 WHEREAS, Professional engineers are leaders in the
19 development of more efficient, environmentally sustainable,
20 technologically advanced designs relating to water quality, sewage
21 treatment, sanitary engineering, flood control, structural integrity
22 of buildings and bridges, seismic safety, cleanup of hazardous
23 waste and toxic sites, and public transportation, including
24 highways, railways, waterways, and airports; and

25 WHEREAS, California’s engineers apply their unique
26 knowledge and skill to help communities grow, thrive, and remain
27 safe, and are truly dedicated to building a better California; and

28 WHEREAS, It is appropriate at this time to recognize the
29 contributions of engineering professionals to the betterment of
30 humankind; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring,* That in recognition of the services bestowed
33 upon the citizens of the State of California by engineers, the
34 Legislature hereby recognizes the week of February 16, 2025 to
35 February 22, 2025, as Engineers Week; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 29 (Irwin) – As Introduced February 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Engineers Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of February 16, 2025, to February 22, 2025, as Engineers Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The week of February 16, 2025, to February 22, 2025, is being observed by state and national engineering organizations as Engineers Week, during which time a number of observances will take place in California.
- 2) Engineers Week is celebrating its 74th anniversary with the theme “Design Your Future.” Engineers Week promotes recognition among parents, teachers, and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of mathematics, science, and technology literacy, and motivates youth to pursue engineering careers and participate in a diverse and vigorous engineering workforce.
- 3) California leads the world in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, inspiring and preparing all of its students to seize the opportunities of the global society through innovation, inquiry, collaboration, and creative problem solving.
- 4) According to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are more than 1.7 million practicing engineers in the United States, and according to the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, there are over 108,442 active, licensed engineers in the State of California.
- 5) Engineers’ work drives our economy, and many experts predict that the United States needs to produce more engineers in order to meet future demand and to stay competitive in the global marketplace.
- 6) Professional engineers are leaders in the development of more efficient, environmentally sustainable, technologically advanced designs relating to water quality, sewage treatment, sanitary engineering, flood control, structural integrity of buildings and bridges, seismic safety, cleanup of hazardous waste and toxic sites, and public transportation, including highways, rail, waterways, and airports.
- 7) California’s engineers apply their unique knowledge and skill to help communities grow, thrive, and remain safe, and are truly dedicated to building a better California.

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. 7

Introduced by Assembly Member Ta

January 6, 2025

House Resolution No. 7—Relative to Enrolled Agents’ Day.

1 WHEREAS, The enrolled agent profession was created in 1884
2 after the Civil War to represent citizens before the United States
3 Department of the Treasury. Since that time, it has evolved with
4 the creation of the federal income tax system into what we all are
5 accustomed to today; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1972, a group of enrolled agents formed the
7 founding chapter of an organization dedicated to enrolled agents
8 in the City of Los Angeles. Within one year, it was the largest
9 organization of enrolled agents in the country and was the basis
10 for what would later become the National Association of Enrolled
11 Agents. Five years later, the California Society of Enrolled Agents
12 was formed; and

13 WHEREAS, Enrolled agents have been at the forefront of
14 effective tax administration by working together with both federal
15 and California tax agencies to help taxpayers comply with the tax
16 codes. Enrolled agents assist taxpayers and business entities with
17 the annual filing of their tax returns as well as more complex issues
18 like audits, liens, levies, appeals, and collections. Enrolled agents
19 have been an important asset to both California’s taxpayers and
20 California’s tax agencies; and

21 WHEREAS, Their knowledge, professionalism, and integrity
22 make the enrolled agent “America’s Tax Expert.” Enrolled agents
23 should be recognized for the efforts they have put forth since 1884
24 in serving the taxpayers of California; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
2 Legislature of the State of California hereby recognizes February
3 17, 2025, as Enrolled Agents’ Day to commemorate the
4 contributions of professional enrolled agents for over 50 years to
5 California taxpayers; and be it further
6 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 7 (Ta) – As Introduced January 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Enrolled Agents’ Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes February 17, 2025, as Enrolled Agents’ Day to commemorate the contributions of professional enrolled agents for over 50 years to California taxpayers. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The enrolled agent profession was created in 1884 after the Civil War to represent citizens before the United States Department of the Treasury. Since that time, it has evolved with the creation of the federal income tax system into what we all are accustomed to today.
- 2) In 1972, a group of enrolled agents formed the founding chapter of an organization dedicated to enrolled agents in the City of Los Angeles. Within one year, it was the largest organization of enrolled agents in the country and was the basis for what would later become the National Association of Enrolled Agents. Five years later, the California Society of Enrolled Agents was formed.
- 3) Enrolled agents have been at the forefront of effective tax administration by working together with both federal and California tax agencies to help taxpayers comply with the tax codes. Enrolled agents assist taxpayers and business entities with the annual filing of their tax returns as well as more complex issues like audits, liens, levies, appeals, and collections.
- 4) Enrolled agents have been an important asset to both California’s taxpayers and California’s tax agencies. Their knowledge, professionalism, and integrity make the enrolled agent “America’s Tax Expert.”

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

Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh

December 5, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Relative to World Desert Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 5, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. World Desert Day.

This measure would proclaim January 11, 2025, as World Desert Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Deserts are brimming with life but remain one of
2 the least understood ecosystems; and
3 WHEREAS, One billion people, or one-sixth of Earth’s
4 population, live in desert regions; and
5 WHEREAS, Although deserts may appear barren, they are one
6 of the richest biomes in the world, home to thousands of species,
7 several of which are considered endangered; and
8 WHEREAS, Deserts cover about one-quarter of California and
9 more than one-fifth of Earth’s land area; and
10 WHEREAS, California deserts provide valuable recreational
11 opportunities to residents and visitors, including backpacking,
12 biking, camping, hiking, horseback riding, and offroading; and
13 WHEREAS, These valuable opportunities will be restricted
14 without widespread education about sustainable practices; and
15 WHEREAS, The Mojave Desert, named for the Mojave People,
16 occupies more than 25,000 square miles across southeastern
17 California and portions of Nevada, Arizona, and Utah; and

1 WHEREAS, The Mojave Desert has extreme variations in daily
2 temperatures, with not only frequent winter frosts but also the
3 hottest recorded temperatures on Earth; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mojave Desert encompasses the western part
5 of Joshua Tree National Park, home to several species including
6 the desert bighorn sheep, the threatened Mojave Desert tortoise,
7 California tree frogs, and some 250 species of birds, including
8 roadrunners, cactus wrens, red-tailed hawks, and golden eagles;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Colorado Desert extends from the San
11 Gorgonio Pass in California to the Colorado River Delta in Mexico
12 and includes parts of the Counties of Imperial, San Diego,
13 Riverside, and San Bernardino; and

14 WHEREAS, The Colorado Desert includes the Salton Sea,
15 California’s largest lake, which has become a critical resource for
16 more than 400 species of resident and migratory birds and several
17 species of fish, including tilapia and the endangered desert pupfish;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The Great Basin Desert is the largest desert in the
20 United States, covering nearly 200,000 square miles and including
21 parts of eastern California, most of Nevada and parts of Utah,
22 Oregon, Idaho, and Wyoming; and

23 WHEREAS, The Great Basin Desert is the only “cold” desert
24 in the United States, where most precipitation falls in the form of
25 snow; and

26 WHEREAS, The Legislature must support the ongoing efforts
27 to educate California residents on their role in conserving desert
28 biodiversity; and

29 WHEREAS, World Desert Day will raise awareness about the
30 importance of desert ecosystems, their unique biodiversity, and
31 challenges; and

32 WHEREAS, Awareness is crucial in fostering a deeper
33 understanding of desert ecosystems in order to preserve and protect
34 these special environments worldwide; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes January
37 11, 2025, as World Desert Day in California; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 5 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced December 5, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 32-0

SUBJECT: World Desert Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims January 11, 2025, as World Desert Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Deserts are brimming with life but remain one of the least understood ecosystems. One billion people, or one-sixth of Earth’s population, live in desert regions.
- 2) Although deserts may appear barren, they are one of the richest biomes in the world, home to thousands of species, several of which are considered endangered.
- 3) California deserts provide valuable recreational opportunities to residents and visitors, including backpacking, biking, camping, hiking, horseback riding, and off-roading. These valuable opportunities will be restricted without widespread education about sustainable practices.
- 4) The Mojave Desert, named for the Mojave People, occupies more than 25,000 square miles across southeastern California and portions of Nevada, Arizona, and Utah.
- 5) The Mojave Desert encompasses the western part of Joshua Tree National Park, home to several species including the desert bighorn sheep, the threatened Mojave Desert tortoise, California tree frogs, and some 250 species of birds, including roadrunners, cactus wrens, red-tailed hawks, and golden eagles.
- 6) World Desert Day will raise awareness about the importance of desert ecosystems, their unique biodiversity, and challenges. Awareness is crucial in fostering a deeper understanding of desert ecosystems in order to preserve and protect these special environments worldwide.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission

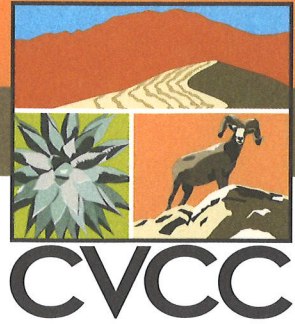
Opposition

None on file

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

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December 16, 2024

The Honorable Rosilicie Ochoa-Bogh
Senator, Senate District 19
1021 O St., Suite 7220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCR 5 (Ochoa-Bogh) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Ochoa-Bogh:

On behalf of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), I write in strong support of your Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 5, a resolution to proclaim January 11, 2025, as World Desert Day in California. The CVCC is dedicated to the protection, restoration, and conservation of the desert habitats, particularly the Coachella Valley within the Colorado Desert. SCR 5 recognizes the importance of deserts to providing key habitat for diverse populations and providing outdoor recreational opportunities.

CVCC is a joint powers authority created to implement the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The MSHCP is a nationally recognized, 75-year plan to conserve 240,000 acres of open space in Riverside County to protect 27 plant and animal species including big horn sheep, desert tortoise and the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard.

The proposed resolution highlights many of the unique benefits that deserts provide to California, including the rich biodiversity of desert habitat as well as a myriad of recreational opportunities. In addition to these contributions, the desert's flora contains considerable stores of carbon that if disturbed and released will exacerbate our greenhouse gas emissions challenge. Lastly, the desert is home to considerable renewable energy infrastructure and has potential for more resources, but the development of these resources must be implemented in a sustainable manner.

As your resolution points out, "[a]wareness is crucial in fostering a deeper understanding of desert ecosystems in order to preserve and protect these special environments worldwide" and we greatly appreciate your efforts to elevate this awareness. For these reasons we are proud to support SCR 5 and thank you for your leadership in raising awareness of the critical contributions of desert regions to California and the world.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 760-346-1127 or at tkirk@cvag.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Kirk', is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Kirk
Executive Director

**Introduced by Senators Weber Pierson, Richardson, and
Smallwood-Cuevas**

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta, Bryan, Elhawary,
Gipson, Jackson, McKinnor, Ransom, Sharp-Collins, and Wilson)

December 19, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Relative to Reverend Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 8, as introduced, Weber Pierson. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day.

This measure would honor the late civil rights pioneer Reverend Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Dr. Martin
- 2 Luther King, Jr. would have been 96 years of age; and
- 3 WHEREAS, On Monday, January 20, 2025, Dr. Martin Luther
- 4 King, Jr. Day will be celebrated in remembrance of the late civil
- 5 rights pioneer and Baptist minister Reverend Dr. Martin Luther
- 6 King, Jr.; and
- 7 WHEREAS, On April 8, 1968, just four days after Dr. Martin
- 8 Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee,
- 9 Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.) introduced the first bill
- 10 to establish January 15, Dr. King’s birthday, as a federal holiday;
- 11 and

1 WHEREAS, On April 10, 1970, California became the first
2 state to pass legislation making Dr. King’s birthday a school
3 holiday and, subsequently, a statewide holiday; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1979, another 11 years went by for Conyers’
5 motion for the federal holiday to come up for a vote on the floor
6 of the House of Representatives; and

7 WHEREAS, In November 1983, President Ronald Reagan
8 signed the bill creating a United States federal holiday in honor of
9 Dr. King after years of campaigning by activists, recording artist
10 Stevie Wonder, members of the United States Congress, and Dr.
11 King’s wife, the late Coretta Scott King; and

12 WHEREAS, The first federal holiday honoring Dr. King was
13 celebrated in 1986; and

14 WHEREAS, By 1986, 17 states had already adopted the federal
15 holiday. But strong resistance by several states to observe this day
16 as a state holiday continued for years; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2000, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was
18 finally observed in all states in some form. However, several states
19 have extended names for the holiday; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1964, Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize
21 in Oslo, Norway, for dynamic leadership of the Civil Rights
22 Movement and steadfast commitment to achieving racial justice
23 through nonviolent action. Dr. King pledged the prize money to
24 the movement’s continued development. At 35 years of age, Dr.
25 King became the youngest man, and only the second African
26 American, to receive the prestigious award; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped
28 change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in
29 the repeal of the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating
30 racial segregation in the South, known as the “Jim Crow Laws,”
31 thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,
32 which was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July
33 2, 1964, and has been effective for nearly 61 years, the Voting
34 Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at
35 ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America; and

36 WHEREAS, Dr. King, in the last months of life, began
37 organizing a Poor People’s Campaign to, among other things,
38 assemble “a multiracial army of the poor that would descend on
39 Washington—engaging in nonviolent civil disobedience at the
40 Capitol, if need be—until Congress enacted a poor people’s bill

1 of rights,” and 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of this campaign;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped
4 change public policy from legal and socially acceptable
5 discrimination and segregation to an open and accessible policy
6 of racial integration leading to equal participation in and access to
7 primary and higher education, housing, employment, transportation,
8 federal, state, and local governmental elections, and other aspects
9 of public policy relating to human rights; and

10 WHEREAS, The life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King,
11 Jr. was devoted to fighting segregation and injustice by nonviolent
12 means and is an outstanding example of courageous leadership in
13 the face of unrelenting violence and harassment by individuals
14 and governmental institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1968, Dr. King’s wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King,
16 officially founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for
17 Nonviolent Social Change, dedicated to being a “living memorial”
18 aimed at continuing Dr. King’s work on important social ills around
19 the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. King’s assassination nearly 57 years ago
21 changed America and we continue to work toward racial equality,
22 economic justice, and peace; and

23 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a
24 source of inspiration for all Americans; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the benefits
27 of the collaborative work by many organizations that promote,
28 facilitate, and carry out needed service projects nationwide; and
29 be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages its members and
31 colleagues to urge their constituents to participate in community
32 service projects; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature acknowledges that, by serving
34 one’s country, one’s community, and one’s neighbor, our nation
35 makes progress in civility, equality, and unity consistent with the
36 values and life’s work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and be it
37 further

38 *Resolved*, That the Legislature honors the late Reverend Dr.
39 Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorates Dr. Martin Luther
40 King, Jr. Day; and be it further

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 8 (Weber Pierson) – As Introduced December 19, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 32-0

SUBJECT: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SUMMARY: Honors the late civil rights pioneer Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On Monday, January 20, 2025, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be celebrated in remembrance of the late civil rights pioneer and Baptist minister Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 2) On April 10, 1970, California became the first state to pass legislation making Dr. King’s birthday a school holiday and, subsequently, a statewide holiday.
- 3) The life of the Dr. King was devoted to fighting segregation and injustice by nonviolent means and is an outstanding example of courageous leadership in the face of unrelenting violence and harassment by individuals and governmental institutions.
- 4) Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating racial segregation in the South, known as the “Jim Crow Laws,” thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America.
- 5) Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy to an open and accessible policy of racial integration leading to equal participation in and access to primary and higher education, housing, employment, transportation, federal, state, and local governmental elections, and other aspects of public policy relating to human rights.
- 6) Dr. King’s assassination nearly 57 years ago changed America and we continue to work toward racial equality, economic justice, and peace.
- 7) The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a source of inspiration for all 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

Introduced by Senator Weber Pierson

January 6, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Relative to Maternal Health Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 9, as introduced, Weber Pierson. 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
15 Public Health Institute, in response to rising maternal mortality
16 and morbidity rates; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, California’s pregnancy-related mortality ratio
11 (PRMR) began to rise gradually in 2013 and peaked in 2018 at
12 16.1 deaths per 100,000 live births, but fell to a rate of 12.8 in
13 2019, and the California PRMR was consistently lower than the
14 United States PRMR from 2011 through 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease continued to be the leading
16 cause of pregnancy-related deaths, followed by hemorrhage, sepsis
17 or infection, thrombotic pulmonary embolism, and amniotic fluid
18 embolism from 2017 to 2019, inclusive; and

19 WHEREAS, Chronic health conditions increase the risk of
20 pregnancy complications, adverse birth outcomes, and
21 pregnancy-related mortality because the physical demands that
22 pregnancy places on the body’s systems can exacerbate existing
23 health conditions; and

24 WHEREAS, A woman’s maternal mental health condition can
25 also be a factor in maternal mortality, which makes recent efforts
26 to bring greater awareness to maternal mental health, ensure more
27 women are screened and treated for postpartum depression or
28 psychosis, and ensure more women remain covered by health
29 insurance upon diagnosis essential; and

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

35 WHEREAS, While California has set an example for the rest
36 of the country and has made progress to reduce maternal mortality
37 through investment in maternal health programs, strong leadership
38 and engagement of the maternity care community, and targeted
39 hospital quality improvement, more needs to be done to narrow
40 racial and ethnic disparities, especially with Black women, who

1 account for only 5 percent of pregnancies in California but
2 represent 21 percent of pregnancy-related deaths and whose
3 pregnancy-related mortality ratio is three to four times greater than
4 the mortality ratios for women of other racial or ethnic groups,
5 including White, Hispanic, and Asian and Pacific Islander; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2012, approximately 60 hospitals have ceased
7 labor and delivery services, with nearly 60 percent of these closures
8 occurring in the last three years, which not only limits options for
9 women to have safe childbirth, but also underscores the urgent
10 need for coordinated care across birthing settings, making it
11 critically important to foster collaboration among hospitals, birthing
12 centers, and community providers, which would enable California
13 to address the systemic inequities that disproportionately affect
14 marginalized communities and ensure equitable access to safe and
15 supportive maternity care for all; and

16 WHEREAS, The State Department of Public Health must
17 continue its surveillance to bring heightened awareness to maternal
18 health and lower maternal deaths; and

19 WHEREAS, California must maintain its efforts to maximize
20 health prior to pregnancy, including, but not limited to, preventing
21 smoking, improving fitness, reducing sexually transmitted diseases,
22 and promoting positive relationships; and

23 WHEREAS, California must continue to address the postpartum
24 needs of women through such efforts as postpartum visits and
25 interconception care, breastfeeding support, and screening for
26 postpartum depression; and

27 WHEREAS, California should continue to promote positive
28 birth outcomes for all women through actions including maternity
29 care quality improvement and home visiting for vulnerable
30 pregnant women, providing additional support for Black women,
31 and increasing culturally and linguistically relevant public
32 awareness about maternal mental health risk factors, signs,
33 symptoms, treatment, and recovery; and

34 WHEREAS, California should maintain its efforts to improve
35 the coordination of care between obstetrics and psychiatry
36 regarding mental health treatment, as needed, and to continue
37 advancements for improved screening for mental health conditions
38 during and after pregnancy, as well as screening for substance use,
39 adverse childhood experiences, medical diagnoses, including
40 infectious disease, and intimate partner violence; and

1 WHEREAS, California should increase its efforts to mitigate
2 the rise in labor and delivery unit closures and to improve access
3 to maternity services; and

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

7 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
8 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims January 23,
9 2025, as Maternal Health Awareness Day to draw attention to the
10 efforts that have improved maternal health in California and to
11 highlight the need for continued improvement of maternal health
12 for all women; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 9 (Weber Pierson) – As Introduced January 6, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

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

**Introduced by Senator Grayson
(Principal coauthor: Senator Seyarto)**

January 13, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 13, as introduced, Grayson. Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of January as Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Cancer is the leading cause of death among
2 firefighters in the United States. California’s firefighters are
3 exposed to many known and suspected human carcinogens in the
4 line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Recent studies from the National Institute for
6 Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) confirm an increased
7 risk of cancer in firefighters, including a 14-percent higher risk of
8 dying from cancer than the general United States population, a
9 twofold increase in both the incidence and mortality of firefighters
10 diagnosed with mesothelioma, and a tenfold increase in the
11 incidents of bladder cancer among women in the fire service; and

12 WHEREAS, A NIOSH case-control study of California
13 firefighters found significant increases of melanoma,
14 adenocarcinoma of the esophagus, multiple myeloma, acute
15 myeloid leukemia, and prostate, brain, and kidney cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1982, when the death of two Los Angeles
2 County firefighters from the same extremely rare form of cancer
3 brought home the connection between firefighting and cancer, the
4 state passed AB 3011, the nation’s first firefighter cancer
5 presumption law, to secure workers’ compensation protection for
6 firefighter cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1985, California Professional Firefighters’
8 Personal Exposure Reporting was established to offer an easy,
9 secure, and comprehensive method for firefighters to record
10 exposures to cancer-causing chemicals and biological toxins and
11 has been a secure lockbox for more than 100,000 exposure reports.
12 These reports provide critical documentation needed in workers’
13 compensation cases involving job-related illnesses and in medical
14 diagnoses for those illnesses; and

15 WHEREAS, In June 2022, the International Agency for
16 Research on Cancer classified occupational exposure from being
17 a firefighter as a Group 1 known human carcinogen; and

18 WHEREAS, The Office of Emergency Services, the Department
19 of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Office of the State Fire
20 Marshall jointly administer the FIRESCOPE Program, which
21 represents the unified voice of the fire service in California. In
22 August 2022, FIRESCOPE established the Cancer Prevention
23 Subcommittee within the program; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2023, the Legislature passed and the Governor
25 signed AB 700, which established the California Firefighter Cancer
26 Prevention and Research Program administered by the University
27 of California and FIRESCOPE to award grants for
28 community-based participatory research examining biomarkers of
29 carcinogenic exposure and effect in order to identify the biological
30 mechanisms that cause cancer in firefighters and to reduce the
31 incidence of cancer among California firefighters; and

32 WHEREAS, In 2024, the University of California announced
33 eight awards, totaling nearly \$6,000,000, and research is currently
34 underway; and

35 WHEREAS, California must continue to bolster efforts to reduce
36 cancer risk, strengthen early cancer detection, and ensure
37 world-class cancer treatment is available to firefighters; now,
38 therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaim January as
3 Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month; and be it further
4 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
5 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 13 (Grayson) – As Introduced January 13, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of January as Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cancer is the leading cause of death among firefighters in the United States. California’s firefighters are exposed to many known and suspected human carcinogens in the line of duty.
- 2) Recent studies from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) confirm an increased risk of cancer in firefighters, including a 14-percent higher risk of dying from cancer than the general United States population, a twofold increase in both the incidence and mortality of firefighters diagnosed with mesothelioma, and a tenfold increase in the incidents of bladder cancer among women in the fire service.
- 3) A NIOSH case-control study of California firefighters found significant increases of melanoma, adenocarcinoma of the esophagus, multiple myeloma, acute myeloid leukemia, and prostate, brain, and kidney cancer.
- 4) In 1982, when the death of two Los Angeles County firefighters from the same extremely rare form of cancer brought home the connection between firefighting and cancer, the state passed AB 3011, the nation’s first firefighter cancer presumption law, to secure workers’ compensation protection for firefighter cancer.
- 5) In 1985, California Professional Firefighters’ Personal Exposure Reporting was established to offer an easy, secure, and comprehensive method for firefighters to record exposures to cancer-causing chemicals and biological toxins and has been a secure lockbox for more than 100,000 exposure reports.
- 6) The Office of Emergency Services, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Office of the State Fire Marshall jointly administer the FIRESCOPE Program, which represents the unified voice of the fire service in California. In August 2022, FIRESCOPE established the Cancer Prevention Subcommittee within the program.
- 7) In 2023, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed AB 700, which established the California Firefighter Cancer Prevention and Research Program administered by the University of California and FIRESCOPE to award grants for community-based participatory research examining biomarkers of carcinogenic exposure and effect in order to identify the biological mechanisms that cause cancer in firefighters and to reduce the incidence of cancer among California firefighters.
- 8) California must continue to bolster efforts to reduce cancer risk, strengthen early cancer detection, and ensure world-class cancer treatment is available to firefighters.

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

Introduced by Senator Caballero

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Quirk-Silva)

(Coauthors: Senators Gonzalez, Limón, Rubio, and Umberg)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Carrillo and Mark González)

January 17, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to CalEITC Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 14, as introduced, Caballero. CalEITC Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim January 31, 2025 through February 7, 2025, as CalEITC Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California Earned Income Tax Credit
2 (CalEITC), a refundable tax credit, was enacted in 2015 and, along
3 with the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), is one of the
4 most effective tools we have in California to fight poverty; and

5 WHEREAS, The CalEITC provides credits based on household
6 size and income, but eligible filers can receive a maximum credit
7 of \$3,529 and for the 2022 tax year, nearly 3,500,000 California
8 tax filers claimed the CalEITC benefit; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the California Budget and Policy
10 Centre, California’s poverty rates increased significantly in 2023,
11 with disproportionate impacts on Latinx and Black residents and
12 multiracial Californians. California’s overall poverty rate increased
13 to 18.9 percent, up from 16.4 percent in 2022 and 11 percent in
14 2021, while the poverty rates for Latinx and Black Californians
15 jumped to 25 percent and 22.3 percent respectively, representing

1 nearly a 4-percent increase from 2022 to 2023. Additionally, the
2 poverty rates for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian,
3 Pacific Islander, and multiracial residents surged from 8.4 percent
4 in 2022 to 13.6 percent in 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, According to United Ways of California’s Real
6 Cost Measure report, over one in three Californians struggle to
7 meet basic needs, and of the estimated 3,700,000 households in
8 California that fall below the Real Cost Measure income, 97
9 percent have at least one working adult. The CalEITC is projected
10 to help families improve their financial stability now and into the
11 future; and

12 WHEREAS, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
13 holders are ineligible for the majority of federal tax benefits, but
14 California has made the groundbreaking decision to open benefits
15 like the CalEITC and Young Child Tax Credit to ITIN holders.
16 This is especially important as 57 percent of households led by
17 someone without United States citizenship live below the Real
18 Cost Measure; and

19 WHEREAS, Fifty-four percent of households in California with
20 children under six years of age fall below the Real Cost Measure
21 and the Young Child Tax Credit is available to all CalEITC-eligible
22 families with children under six years of age; and

23 WHEREAS, According to state and national reports, many
24 eligible households in California do not claim their state and federal
25 Earned Income Tax Credits, leaving billions of dollars unclaimed
26 each year. Research suggests that the credit creates local economic
27 impacts equivalent to at least twice the amount of EITC dollars
28 received. Increasing the uptake of tax credits would support
29 households to cover basic expenses such as rent, groceries, and
30 utilities; and

31 WHEREAS, California can support CalEITC-eligible taxpayers
32 to claim their full tax credits by supporting Volunteer Income Tax
33 Assistance sites that provide high-quality tax preparation, financial
34 stability services, and connections to other community services at
35 no cost. These free services are linguistically and culturally
36 responsive and ensure that tax filers can claim their full tax credit
37 amount without paying unnecessary fees to commercial tax
38 preparers, which can often cost hundreds of dollars; and

39 WHEREAS, The CalEITC, in combination with the federal
40 EITC program and the Young Child Tax Credit, is a proven tool

1 to help reduced poverty and research shows that the EITC can
2 improve child and maternal health and spur local economic growth.
3 Children in families that receive the EITC have healthier lives in
4 both the short and the long term; and

5 WHEREAS, California has made a commitment to support
6 low-income families through these programs, which now returns
7 over \$1,300,000,000 into households each year, and must continue
8 to take measures to increase the number of households that claim
9 the benefits they are entitled to; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims January 31,
12 2025, through February 7, 2025, as CalEITC Awareness Week;
13 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: February 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 14 (Caballero) – As Introduced January 17, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 33-0

SUBJECT: CalEITC Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims January 31, 2025, through February 7, 2025, as CalEITC Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), a refundable tax credit, was enacted in 2015 and, along with the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), is one of the most effective tools we have in California to fight poverty.
- 2) The CalEITC provides credits based on household size and income, but eligible filers can receive a maximum credit of \$3,529 and for the 2022 tax year, nearly 3.5 million California tax filers claimed the CalEITC benefit.
- 3) According to the California Budget and Policy Centre, California's poverty rates increased significantly in 2023, with disproportionate impacts on Latinx and Black residents and multiracial Californians. California's overall poverty rate increased to 18.9 percent, up from 16.4 percent in 2022 and 11 percent in 2021.
- 4) According to United Ways of California's Real Cost Measure report, over one in three Californians struggle to meet basic needs, and of the estimated 3.7 million households in California that fall below the Real Cost Measure income, 97 percent have at least one working adult. The CalEITC is projected to help families improve their financial stability now and into the future.
- 5) According to state and national reports, many eligible households in California do not claim their state and federal Earned Income Tax Credits, leaving billions of dollars unclaimed each year. Research suggests that the credit creates local economic impacts equivalent to at least twice the amount of EITC dollars received. Increasing the uptake of tax credits would support households to cover basic expenses such as rent, groceries, and utilities.
- 6) The CalEITC, in combination with the federal EITC program and the Young Child Tax Credit, is a proven tool to help reduce poverty and research shows that the EITC can improve child and maternal health and spur local economic growth. Children in families that receive the EITC have healthier lives in both the short and the long term.

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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