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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 5/16/2025
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, ACR 89, HR 42, SCR 71, and SCR 72 have been added to the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/19/2025

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

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<u>SB 673</u>	JUD.
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 24

Introduced by Assembly Member Alanis

January 30, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to National Missing Children’s Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 24, as introduced, Alanis. National Missing Children’s Day.

This measure would declare May 25, 2025, as National Missing Children’s Day and the 42nd anniversary of the first National Missing Children’s Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 2023, the California Department of Justice
2 reported over 66,000 missing children in California, which is a
3 7.24-percent increase from the previous year, and the Federal
4 Bureau of Investigation reported nearly 360,000 missing children
5 nationwide; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Center for Missing and Exploited
7 Children (NCMEC) found that Black and Native American children
8 were disproportionately victimized by child abduction, with 31
9 percent of missing children reported as Black and 1.5 percent
10 reported as Native American in 2021, which is approximately
11 double the percentage of each population’s presence in the United
12 States; and

13 WHEREAS, Of the nearly 2,000 children reported missing in
14 California in 2023, almost three-quarters of those cases were

1 resolved in the same year with the combined efforts of law
2 enforcement and nonprofit entities; and

3 WHEREAS, NCMEC reported a 300-percent increase of
4 reported online enticement of minors between 2021 and 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Nineteen percent of the children who fled child
6 welfare care and were reported missing in 2023 were likely victims
7 of sex trafficking; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice first
9 recognized National Missing Children's Day on May 25, 1983, in
10 memory of six-year-old Etan Patz, who was abducted in 1979
11 while walking to school in New York City; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice's Office
13 of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention established a
14 partnership with NCMEC in 1984 to provide guidance and
15 resources related to child abduction; and

16 WHEREAS, National Missing Children's Day is recognized to
17 raise awareness about the ongoing child abduction crisis, to
18 commemorate victims of child abduction and their families, and
19 to honor parents, guardians, caregivers, volunteers, and peace
20 officers who remain dedicated to finding missing persons; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims May
24 25, 2025, as National Missing Children's Day and the 42nd
25 anniversary of the first National Missing Children's Day; and be
26 it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the participation of state
28 agencies, law enforcement, local government, schools, community
29 organizations, families, and individuals in educating minors and
30 adults on preventing child abduction, responding to and reporting
31 threats against personal safety, and connecting others with
32 resources available to victims of abduction; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 24 (Alanis) – As Introduced January 30, 2025

SUBJECT: National Missing Children’s Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims May 25, 2025, as National Missing Children’s Day, and the 42nd anniversary of the first National Missing Children’s Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 2023, the California Department of Justice reported over 66,000 missing children in California, which is a 7.24 percent increase from the previous year, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported nearly 360,000 missing children nationwide.
- 2) The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) found that Black and Native American children were disproportionately victimized by child abduction, with 31 percent of missing children reported as Black and 1.5 percent reported as Native American in 2021, which is approximately double the percentage of each population’s presence in the United States.
- 3) Nineteen percent of the children who fled child welfare care and were reported missing in 2023 were likely victims of sex trafficking.
- 4) The United States Department of Justice first recognized National Missing Children’s Day on May 25, 1983, in memory of six-year-old Etan Patz, who was abducted in 1979 while walking to school in New York City.
- 5) The United States Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention established a partnership with NCMEC in 1984 to provide guidance and resources related to child abduction.
- 6) National Missing Children’s Day is recognized to raise awareness about the ongoing child abduction crisis, to commemorate victims of child abduction and their families, and to honor parents, guardians, caregivers, volunteers, and peace officers who remain dedicated to finding missing persons.

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. 73

Introduced by Assembly Member Stefani

April 29, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to Italian American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 73, as introduced, Stefani. Italian American Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2025 as Italian American Heritage Month, and, among other things, encourage all citizens, schools, public institutions, and community organizations in California to observe Italian American Heritage Month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and educational programs, as specified.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of California is home to one of the largest
2 populations of Italian Americans in the United States, and their
3 enduring legacy has significantly shaped the cultural, economic,
4 and social fabric of our great state; and
5 WHEREAS, Italian immigrants began arriving in California in
6 significant numbers around the time of California’s official
7 statehood in the mid-19th century, many of whom played vital
8 roles in the development of the state’s agricultural, fishing,
9 winemaking, and construction industries, laying the foundations
10 for California’s prosperity and global economic significance; and
11 WHEREAS, Italian American farmers helped transform
12 California into one of the most productive agricultural regions in
13 the world, introducing time-honored cultivation practices,

1 establishing family-run farms and vineyards, and promoting
2 sustainable land stewardship; and

3 WHEREAS, In the City of Los Angeles, Italian Americans have
4 been instrumental in shaping the region's cultural and economic
5 identity, from founding early agricultural cooperatives and
6 contributing to the growth of the wine and produce industries, to
7 enriching the city's arts, architecture, and civic life; and

8 WHEREAS, In the San Francisco Bay area, Italian Americans
9 have played a defining role in the region's history and development
10 by establishing strong fishing and maritime communities in North
11 Beach and along the coast, founding businesses and restaurants
12 that became cultural landmarks, and contributing to labor
13 movements, civic leadership, and the preservation of public arts
14 and spaces; and

15 WHEREAS, The Italian American fishing communities,
16 particularly in the City and County of San Francisco, the City of
17 Monterey, and the neighborhood of San Pedro in the City of Los
18 Angeles, helped establish thriving ports and seafood industries
19 that not only fed California, but contributed significantly to the
20 state's maritime economy; and

21 WHEREAS, Italian Americans have contributed to California's
22 built environment, including bridges, highways, and historic
23 landmarks, through generations of craftsmanship in masonry,
24 carpentry, and engineering; and

25 WHEREAS, The contributions of Italian Americans extend far
26 beyond labor and industry, and notable Italian American
27 Californians have made distinguished contributions in public
28 service, science, business, banking, law, medicine, and sports; and

29 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for all Californians to
30 recognize and honor the achievements and contributions of Italian
31 Americans and their vital role in the development and prosperity
32 of our state; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
35 month of October 2025 as Italian American Heritage Month
36 throughout the State of California and honors all Italians and Italian
37 Americans for their commitment to California's growth and
38 vibrancy; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Legislature will continue to honor Italians'
40 and Italian Americans' passion for hard work, love and dedication

1 to family and loved ones, and the cherished opportunity to live
2 life; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all citizens, schools,
4 public institutions, and community organizations in California to
5 observe Italian American Heritage Month with appropriate
6 ceremonies, activities, and educational programs that celebrate
7 and preserve the rich legacy of Italian American heritage; and be
8 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 73 (Stefani) – As Introduced April 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Italian American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of October 2025 as Italian American Heritage Month throughout the State of California, and honors all Italians and Italian Americans for their commitment to California’s growth and vibrancy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The State of California is home to one of the largest populations of Italian Americans in the United States, and their enduring legacy has significantly shaped the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our great state.
- 2) Italian immigrants began arriving in California in significant numbers around the time of California’s official statehood in the mid-19th century, many of whom played vital roles in the development of the state’s agricultural, fishing, winemaking, and construction industries, laying the foundations for California’s prosperity and global economic significance.
- 3) Italian American farmers helped transform California into one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world, introducing time-honored cultivation practices, establishing family-run farms and vineyards, and promoting sustainable land stewardship.
- 4) Italian Americans have contributed to California’s built environment, including bridges, highways, and historic landmarks, through generations of craftsmanship in masonry, carpentry, and engineering.
- 5) The contributions of Italian Americans extend far beyond labor and industry, and notable Italian American Californians have made distinguished contributions in public service, science, business, banking, law, medicine, and sports.
- 6) It is fitting and proper for all Californians to recognize and honor the achievements and contributions of Italian Americans and their vital role in the development and prosperity of our state.

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. 74

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilson

April 29, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 74—Relative to Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 74, as introduced, Wilson. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

This measure would designate the month of May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient
2 transportation and recreation for Californians and visitors to our
3 Golden State. Motorcycles travel approximately 21,000,000 miles
4 per year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles
5 each. Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses
6 fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways,
7 and increases available parking areas; and
8 WHEREAS, Through the Department of the California Highway
9 Patrol’s California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state has
10 trained over 1,200,000 riders out of the 1,400,000 total riders
11 licensed since the start of the program in the 1980s. Along with
12 the assistance of the California Office of Traffic Safety, through
13 education, and the Department of Transportation’s freeway
14 message boards, these efforts have led to a 2.66-percent decrease
15 in motorcycle fatalities over the last decade, while at the same

1 time, nonmotorcycle traffic fatalities in California have increased,
2 and nationwide motorcycle fatalities have increased by an average
3 of 10 percent. California leads the way in training and safety for
4 motorcyclists, and we are saving lives; and

5 WHEREAS, It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware
6 of one another, learn to share the road, and practice courtesy; and

7 WHEREAS, California was the first state to legalize lane
8 splitting; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Brotherhood Aimed Toward
10 Education (ABATE) of California, which is a motorcyclists' rights
11 and safety organization, the American Motorcyclist Association,
12 the Bay Area Riders Forum, the Modified Motorcycle Association
13 of California, and the California Motorcycle Dealers Association
14 are organizations that actively promote the safe operation of
15 motorcycles, advocate for more rider training courses through
16 California Highway Patrol provider Total Control Training, and
17 advocate increasing motorist recognition of motorcycles; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
21 month of May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in
22 California, acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all
23 drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles,
24 and honors motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities
25 in which they live and ride; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 74 (Wilson) – As Introduced April 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California, acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and honors motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for Californians and visitors to our Golden State. Motorcycles travel approximately 21 million miles per year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles each. Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas.
- 2) Through the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state has trained over 1.2 million riders out of the 1.4 million total riders licensed since the start of the program in the 1980s. Along with the assistance of the California Office of Traffic Safety and the Department of Transportation's freeway message boards, these efforts have led to a 2.66 percent decrease in motorcycle fatalities over the last decade.
- 3) California leads the way in training and safety for motorcyclists, and we are saving lives. It is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another, learn to share the road, and practice courtesy.
- 4) The American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) of California, which is a motorcyclists' rights and safety organization, the American Motorcyclist Association, the Bay Area Riders Forum, the Modified Motorcycle Association of California, and the California Motorcycle Dealers Association are organizations that actively promote the safe operation of motorcycles, advocate for more rider training courses, and advocate increasing motorist recognition of motorcycles.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 13, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 82

Introduced by Assembly Members Bryan and Hart

May 8, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 82—Relative to Foster Care Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 82, as amended, Bryan. Foster Care Month.

This measure would declare the month of May 2025 as Foster Care Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 *WHEREAS, The needs of children and youth for belonging and*
2 *unconditional emotional commitment are best met in families; and*
3 *WHEREAS, Nearly 38,000 children in California are navigating*
4 *the complexities of the foster care system, longing for and*
5 *deserving safe, enduring bonds with nurturing adults, a stable*
6 *home, and comprehensive supports to grow, learn, and thrive; and*
7 *WHEREAS, California’s children and youth represent our hope*
8 *for the future and every child deserves a safe, loving, accepting,*
9 *stable, and nurturing home; and*
10 *WHEREAS, Historically, foster youth have experienced alarming*
11 *rates of homelessness as they transition out of care. While*
12 *California has taken great strides to address this, 1 in 4 foster*
13 *youth experience homelessness after exiting care and before*
14 *turning 23 years of age; and*

1 *WHEREAS, Many California counties and community partners*
2 *have successfully supported permanent family connections for*
3 *foster youth, provided support for families at risk of entering the*
4 *child welfare system, and changed practices to fully engage youth,*
5 *families, and communities, thereby reducing the number of children*
6 *in foster care; and*

7 *WHEREAS, California recognizes the enduring and valuable*
8 *contribution of relatives and foster and adoptive parents who open*
9 *their hearts, families, and homes to vulnerable children and youth;*
10 *and*

11 *WHEREAS, California acknowledges the tireless efforts of*
12 *countless individuals and organizations dedicated to meeting the*
13 *needs of children and youth within, and transitioning out of, foster*
14 *care, facilitating essential connections among youth and their*
15 *siblings, and empowering young individuals to thrive as they*
16 *transition into adulthood; and*

17 *WHEREAS, California is deeply committed to constructing a*
18 *comprehensive, holistic behavioral health and strengths-based*
19 *system for youth and families affected by the child welfare system*
20 *that is designed to be responsive to the trauma caused by family*
21 *separation, specifically embracing nontraditional therapeutic*
22 *methods such as enrichment activities and prioritizing lifelong*
23 *relationships; and*

24 *WHEREAS, It is undeniable that children and adolescents thrive*
25 *most effectively within the nurturing embrace of familial*
26 *environments, thus ensuring that such placements continue to be*
27 *given the highest priority; and*

28 *WHEREAS, California has undergone comprehensive reforms*
29 *to improve the experience and outcomes of children and youth in*
30 *foster care by improving assessments of children and families to*
31 *make more informed and appropriate initial placement decisions,*
32 *emphasizing home-based family care placements of children,*
33 *appropriately supporting these placements with needed services,*
34 *creating short-term programs for youth whose needs cannot be*
35 *met safely in families, and increasing transparency and*
36 *accountability for child outcomes; and*

37 *WHEREAS, California is dedicated to working in partnership*
38 *with local governments, advocates, and stakeholders to address*
39 *the disproportionate representation of Black, Latino, and*
40 *indigenous youth in the foster care system, and further, to address*

1 *systemwide outcomes that reflect that children of color in the foster*
2 *care system are more likely to experience multiple placements and*
3 *less likely to be reunited with their birth families than White*
4 *children in the foster care system; and*

5 *WHEREAS, California is committed to working in partnership*
6 *with the federal government, local governments, and community*
7 *partners to improve the lives and futures of all children and youth*
8 *touched by the child welfare system; now, therefore, be it*

9 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
10 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the month of*
11 *May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness Month; and be it further*

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

14 ~~WHEREAS, There are nearly 60,000 California children and~~
15 ~~youth in foster care who need and deserve safe, permanent~~
16 ~~connections to loving adults, a stable home, and adequate~~
17 ~~preparation for a secure future; and~~

18 ~~WHEREAS, The needs of children and youth for belonging and~~
19 ~~unconditional emotional commitment are best met in families; and~~

20 ~~WHEREAS, Many California counties and community partners~~
21 ~~have successfully supported permanent family connections for~~
22 ~~foster youth, provided support for families at risk of entering the~~
23 ~~child welfare system, and changed practices to fully engage youth,~~
24 ~~family, and communities, thereby reducing the number of children~~
25 ~~in foster care; and~~

26 ~~WHEREAS, California recognizes the enduring and valuable~~
27 ~~contribution of relatives and foster and adoptive parents who open~~
28 ~~their hearts, families, and homes to vulnerable children and youth;~~
29 ~~and~~

30 ~~WHEREAS, California recognizes the numerous individuals~~
31 ~~and public and private organizations that work to ensure that the~~
32 ~~needs of children and youth living in, and leaving, foster care are~~
33 ~~met, that help provide foster and former foster children and youth~~
34 ~~with vital connections to their siblings, and that help launch young~~
35 ~~people into successful adulthood; and~~

36 ~~WHEREAS, California is engaged in continuum of care reform,~~
37 ~~which is a comprehensive approach to improving the experience~~
38 ~~and outcomes of children and youth in foster care by improving~~
39 ~~assessments of children and families to make more informed and~~
40 ~~appropriate initial placement decisions, emphasizing home-based~~

1 family care placements of children, appropriately supporting these
2 placements with needed services, creating short-term residential
3 therapeutic programs for youth whose needs cannot be met safely
4 in families, and increasing transparency and accountability for
5 child outcomes; and

6 WHEREAS, California is further engaged in building a
7 comprehensive behavioral health system for youth and families
8 impacted by the child welfare system that is responsive to the
9 trauma inherent to family separation; and

10 WHEREAS, California is committed to working in partnership
11 with local governments, advocates, and stakeholders to address
12 the disproportionate representation of Black and indigenous youth
13 and youth of color in the foster care system, and further, to address
14 systemwide outcomes that reflect that children of color in the foster
15 care system are more likely to experience multiple placements and
16 less likely to be reunited with their birth families than White
17 children in the foster care system; and

18 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has created unique
19 challenges for children and youth in foster care, including widening
20 the gap in education achievement and mental health support
21 services; and

22 WHEREAS, Historically, foster youth have experienced
23 alarming rates of homelessness as they transition out of care. While
24 California has taken great strides to address this, one in four foster
25 youth experience homelessness after exiting care and before turning
26 23 years of age; and

27 WHEREAS, California is committed to working in partnership
28 with the federal government and local governments to improve
29 the lives and futures of all children and youth touched by the child
30 welfare system; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature declares the month of
33 May 2025 as Foster Care Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 82 (Bryan) – As Amended May 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Foster Care Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The needs of children and youth for belonging and unconditional emotional commitment are best met in families. California's children and youth represent our hope for the future and every child deserves a safe, loving, accepting, stable, and nurturing home.
- 2) Nearly 38,000 children in California are navigating the complexities of the foster care system, longing for and deserving safe, enduring bonds with nurturing adults, a stable home, and comprehensive supports to grow, learn, and thrive.
- 3) Historically, foster youth have experienced alarming rates of homelessness as they transition out of care. While California has taken great strides to address this, 1 in 4 foster youth experience homelessness after exiting care and before turning 23 years of age.
- 4) Many California counties and community partners have successfully supported permanent family connections for foster youth, provided support for families at risk of entering the child welfare system, and changed practices to fully engage youth, families, and communities, thereby reducing the number of children in foster care.
- 5) California acknowledges the tireless efforts of countless individuals and organizations dedicated to meeting the needs of children and youth within, and transitioning out of, foster care, facilitating essential connections among youth and their siblings, and empowering young individuals to thrive as they transition into adulthood.
- 6) California has undergone comprehensive reforms to improve the experience and outcomes of children and youth in foster care by improving assessments of children and families to make more informed and appropriate initial placement decisions, emphasizing home-based family care placements of children, appropriately supporting these placements with needed services, creating short-term programs for youth whose needs cannot be met safely in families, and increasing transparency and accountability for child outcomes.
- 7) California is dedicated to working in partnership with local governments, advocates, and stakeholders to address the disproportionate representation of Black, Latino, and indigenous youth in the foster care system, and further, to address system-wide outcomes that reflect that children of color in the foster care system are more likely to experience multiple placements and less likely to be reunited with their birth families than White children in the foster care system.
- 8) California is committed to working in partnership with the federal government, local governments, and community partners to improve the lives and futures of all children and youth touched by the child welfare system.

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. 83

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilson

May 12, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to shipbuilding.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 83, as introduced, Wilson. California Maritime Day.

This measure would proclaim May 22, 2025, as California Maritime Day in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California’s rich maritime history has played a
2 critical role in the state’s economic development, national defense,
3 and cultural identity, from the establishment of the Port of San
4 Francisco during the Gold Rush to the massive shipbuilding efforts
5 of World War II centered in places like the Cities of Richmond
6 and San Diego and the community of San Pedro; and
7 WHEREAS, California’s shipyards once employed tens of
8 thousands of skilled workers and were instrumental in building
9 Liberty ships, naval vessels, and commercial cargo ships that
10 supported both war efforts and peacetime commerce; and
11 WHEREAS, Advances in global shipbuilding have led to the
12 outsourcing of this once-vital industry to foreign nations, resulting
13 in the loss of domestic manufacturing capability, skilled labor, and
14 maritime self-sufficiency; and
15 WHEREAS, The reestablishment of a robust shipbuilding
16 industry in California would generate high-wage union jobs,
17 revitalize coastal economies, provide career pathways in skilled

1 trades, engineering, and green maritime technology, and strengthen
2 California's industrial resilience; and

3 WHEREAS, Modern shipbuilding offers California an
4 opportunity to lead in sustainable vessel design, electrification of
5 port infrastructure, and the development of green shipping corridors
6 aligned with the state's ambitious climate goals; and

7 WHEREAS, The federal government has prioritized investment
8 in new maritime manufacturing as a matter of economic resilience,
9 national security, and environmental sustainability, creating a
10 timely opportunity for federal-state partnerships in California to
11 modernize shipyards, expand workforce training, and support
12 innovation in commercial, military, and clean energy maritime
13 industries; and

14 WHEREAS, Revitalizing California's shipbuilding capabilities
15 can contribute to national security, energy independence, and the
16 creation of domestic supply chains critical for commercial and
17 military maritime operations; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 22, 2025,
20 as California Maritime Day in the State of California; and be it
21 further

22 *Resolved*, That individuals of all ages and backgrounds
23 throughout California and beyond are encouraged to recognize the
24 historic and strategic importance of California's maritime legacy
25 and to express their support for efforts to bring shipbuilding back
26 to California's ports and coastal communities; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges federal, state, and local
28 agencies, as well as private industry, to collaborate on policies,
29 incentives, workforce development, and infrastructure investments
30 that will enable the reestablishment of a competitive and
31 sustainable shipbuilding industry in California; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the Governor of California, the President of
34 the United States, the United States Secretary of the Navy, the
35 United States Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Labor
36 and Workforce Development, the Chair of the State Energy
37 Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and all
38 relevant stakeholders.

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 83 (Wilson) – As Introduced May 12, 2025

SUBJECT: California Maritime Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims May 22, 2025, as California Maritime Day in the State of California, and encourages individuals to recognize the historic and strategic importance of California's maritime legacy, and to express their support for efforts to bring shipbuilding back to California's ports and coastal communities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California's rich maritime history has played a critical role in the state's economic development, national defense, and cultural identity, from the establishment of the Port of San Francisco during the Gold Rush to the massive shipbuilding efforts of World War II centered in places like the Cities of Richmond and San Diego and the community of San Pedro.
- 2) California's shipyards once employed tens of thousands of skilled workers and were instrumental in building Liberty ships, naval vessels, and commercial cargo ships that supported both war efforts and peacetime commerce.
- 3) Advances in global shipbuilding have led to the outsourcing of this once-vital industry to foreign nations, resulting in the loss of domestic manufacturing capability, skilled labor, and maritime self-sufficiency.
- 4) The reestablishment of a robust shipbuilding industry in California would generate high-wage union jobs, revitalize coastal economies, provide career pathways in skilled trades, engineering, and green maritime technology, and strengthen California's industrial resilience.
- 5) Modern shipbuilding offers California an opportunity to lead in sustainable vessel design, electrification of port infrastructure, and the development of green shipping corridors aligned with the state's ambitious climate goals. Revitalizing California's shipbuilding capabilities can contribute to national security, energy independence, and the creation of domestic supply chains critical for commercial and military maritime operations.

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. 84

Introduced by Assembly Member Hoover

May 12, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 84, as introduced, Hoover. Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2025 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is an often misunderstood illness
2 that can cause serious health problems if it is not caught early and
3 properly treated; and

4 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the
5 spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is primarily transmitted by the
6 bite of an infected tick. The disease was first identified in North
7 America in the 1970s in Lyme, Connecticut, for which it was
8 named, and since that time, the disease has been found in all 50
9 states in the United States. The reach of Lyme disease is global,
10 having been reported in more than 60 countries on six continents
11 and several islands; and

12 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a complex, multisystem illness.
13 Early signs of infection may include rash and flu-like symptoms,
14 including fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. Usually,
15 the disease responds well to prompt treatment with appropriate
16 antibiotics. If untreated or inadequately treated, however, Lyme

1 disease can invade multiple organs of the body, including the brain
2 and nervous system. In those instances, patients can become
3 increasingly disabled over time, suffering crippling muscle and
4 joint pain, neurological impairment, psychological disorders, and
5 a host of other symptoms that can lead to financial hardship, job
6 loss, and increased numbers of people on disability; and

7 WHEREAS, Since there is no reliable form of testing that can
8 accurately pinpoint Lyme disease, getting a proper diagnosis and
9 prompt treatment is often extremely difficult; and

10 WHEREAS, Patients with Lyme disease are frequently
11 misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia,
12 multiple sclerosis, and various psychiatric illnesses, including
13 depression. Misdiagnosis of these other diseases often delays the
14 correct diagnosis and treatment, while the underlying infection
15 progresses; and

16 WHEREAS, Lyme disease affects people of all ages, and is
17 most common in children and older adults and in people who spend
18 time outdoors in wooded, grassy areas, including park rangers and
19 firefighters; and

20 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
21 Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics, an average of 476,000
22 new cases of Lyme disease are reported in the United States each
23 year. This total is about two times the number of women diagnosed
24 with breast cancer and almost 15 times the number of new
25 HIV/AIDS cases per year. Up to 40 percent of Lyme disease cases
26 result in long-term health problems, suggesting approximately
27 190,400 patients annually; and

28 WHEREAS, Ticks have four life stages: egg, larval, nymphal,
29 and adult. Both nymphs and adults can transmit diseases to humans.
30 Ticks attach themselves to host animals, such as deer, rodents, and
31 birds, and as the host animals migrate to new areas, so do the ticks.
32 Most people who contract Lyme disease get it from the bite of a
33 nymphal tick, and because nymphs are as small as poppy seeds
34 and their bite is painless, many people do not notice or remove
35 them. The longer a tick is attached to the body, the more likely it
36 will transmit whatever diseases it carries; and

37 WHEREAS, In California, the Lyme disease bacterium is
38 transmitted by the western blacklegged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*).
39 Ticks are active year round, especially when it is wet. Thus, this
40 tick is most common in the coastal regions and along the western

1 slope of the Sierra Nevada range, but has been found in 56 of
2 California's 58 counties; and

3 WHEREAS, In some areas of California, Lyme disease infection
4 rates of nymphal ticks have been found to be as high as 42 percent.
5 Thus, the infection rate in certain regions of California is among
6 the highest in the entire United States. However, since some areas
7 of the state have not been tested for tick infection, the true scope
8 of the problem is not known; and

9 WHEREAS, Although Lyme disease is the most common
10 vectorborne infection in the United States, the ticks that spread
11 Lyme disease can also spread other diseases at the same time.
12 Among these coinfections are diseases such as babesiosis,
13 anaplasmosis, and ehrlichiosis. The presence of coinfections can
14 complicate the treatment of Lyme disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Recently, three new borrelia species belonging to
16 the Lyme disease spirochetal complex have been described,
17 increasing the number of these bacteria known to occur in
18 California to five, making California the focus of more distinct
19 borrelia species than any other geographical region in the United
20 States; and

21 WHEREAS, The Legislature finds that Lyme disease presents
22 a health threat to Californians; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
25 month of May 2025 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month; and be
26 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 84 (Hoover) – As Introduced May 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2025 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is primarily transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. The disease was first identified in North America in the 1970s in Lyme, Connecticut, for which it was named. Since that time, the disease has been found in all 50 states in the United States. The reach of Lyme disease is global, having been reported in more than 60 countries on six continents and several islands.
- 2) Lyme disease is an often misunderstood illness that can cause serious health problems if it is not caught early and properly treated.
- 3) Early signs of infection may include rash and flu-like symptoms, including fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. Usually, the disease responds well to prompt treatment with appropriate antibiotics. If untreated or inadequately treated, however, Lyme disease can invade multiple organs of the body, including the brain and the rest of the nervous system. In those instances, patients can become increasingly disabled over time, suffering crippling muscle and joint pain, neurological impairment, psychological disorders, and a host of other symptoms that can lead to financial hardship, job loss, and increased numbers of people on disability.
- 4) Since there is no reliable form of testing that can accurately pinpoint Lyme disease, getting a proper diagnosis and prompt treatment is often extremely difficult. Patients with Lyme disease are frequently misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis, and various psychiatric illnesses, including depression. Misdiagnosis of these other diseases often delays the correct diagnosis and treatment, while the underlying infection progresses.
- 5) Lyme disease affects people of all ages but is most common in children and older adults, and in people who spend time outdoors in wooded, grassy areas, including park rangers and firefighters.
- 6) In California, the Lyme disease bacterium is transmitted by the western blacklegged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*). Ticks are active year-round, especially when it is wet. Thus, this tick is most common in the coastal regions and along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada range, but has been found in 56 of California's 58 counties.
- 7) In some areas of California, Lyme disease infection rates of nymphal ticks have been found to be as high as 42 percent. Thus, the infection rate in certain regions of California is among the highest in the entire United States. However, because some areas of the state have not been tested for tick infection, the true scope of the problem is not known.

- 8) Recently, three new *Borrelia* species belonging to the Lyme disease spirochetal complex have been described, thus increasing the number of these bacteria known to occur in California to five, making California the locus of more distinct *Borrelia* species than any other geographical region in the United States.

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. 85

Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia

May 12, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to 529 College Savings Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 85, as introduced, Garcia. 529 College Savings Day.

This measure would proclaim May 29, 2025, as 529 College Savings Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, 529 college savings plans are important tools for
2 California families that want to save for their children’s college
3 education, offering a diverse range of investment options,
4 tax-deferred growth, and withdrawals free of state and federal
5 taxes when those withdrawals are used for qualified higher
6 education expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, computer
7 equipment, certain room and board costs, and required supplies;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, While the first college savings plans were
10 developed by states in 1988 as innovative programs designed to
11 help families and students save for higher education expenses, it
12 was not until the enactment of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue
13 Code by Congress in 1996 that college savings plans began to
14 rapidly gain popularity across the country; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, 49 states and the District of Columbia offer
16 529 college savings plans, over 17,000,000 529 accounts have

1 been opened, and more than \$525,000,000,000 have been saved
2 for future higher education expenses; and

3 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan, which
4 has served as California’s official state-sponsored 529 college
5 savings plan for more than 25 years since its launch in 1999, has
6 grown to more than \$16,400,000,000 in total plan assets held in
7 over 454,000 ScholarShare 529 accounts; and

8 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan has
9 helped students meet their higher education goals with more than
10 \$1,000,000,000 withdrawn in 2024 alone for qualified higher
11 education expenses and funds distributed directly to over 1,100
12 colleges and universities; and

13 WHEREAS, Nationally from 1994–95 to 2024–25, inclusive,
14 average published tuition and fees increased from \$5,740 to
15 \$11,610 at public four-year colleges and universities, and from
16 \$24,840 to \$43,350 at private nonprofit four-year colleges and
17 universities; and

18 WHEREAS, Federal financial aid awards have shifted away
19 from student grants to providing access to guaranteed student loans
20 so that, today, over 60 percent of all federal financial aid is in the
21 form of loans, substantially increasing the number of college
22 graduates who will face the burden of repaying significant student
23 loan debt upon entering the workforce; and

24 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New
25 York, student loan debt has reached \$1,770,000,000,000 nationally,
26 up from \$620,000,000,000 in 2008; and

27 WHEREAS, When Americans are burdened with student loan
28 debt, they are not able to buy homes, cars, and other products that
29 boost our economy; and

30 WHEREAS, College savings plans, such as the ScholarShare
31 529 College Savings Plan, help families to limit or eliminate future
32 student loan debt by helping them save for future higher education
33 expenses; and

34 WHEREAS, The contributions families make today pay off in
35 the form of an increased earning potential for their children in the
36 future, with a college graduate earning 59 percent more than a high
37 school graduate according to the National Center for Education
38 Statistics; and

39 WHEREAS, May 29 is recognized nationally as 529 College
40 Savings Day to help raise awareness across the country of the

1 importance of saving for college with the help of 529 college
2 savings plans; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims May
5 29, 2025, as 529 College Savings Day; 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: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 85 (Garcia) – As Introduced May 12, 2025

SUBJECT: 529 College Savings Day.

SUMMARY: Designates May 29, 2025, as 529 College Savings Day to raise awareness about the importance of saving for college with the help of 529 college savings plans. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) 529 college savings plans are important tools for California families that want to save for their children's college education, offering a diverse range of investment options, tax-deferred growth, and withdrawals free of state and federal taxes when those withdrawals are used for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, computer equipment, certain room and board costs, and required supplies.
- 2) While the first college savings plans were developed by states in 1988 as innovative programs designed to help families and students save for higher education expenses, it was not until the enactment of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code by Congress in 1996 that college savings plans began to rapidly gain popularity across the country.
- 3) Today, 49 states and the District of Columbia offer 529 college savings plans, over 17 million 529 accounts have been opened, and more than \$525 billion have been saved for future higher education expenses.
- 4) The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan, which has served as California's official state-sponsored 529 college savings plan for more than 25 years since its launch in 1999, has grown to more than \$16.4 billion in total plan assets held in over 454,000 ScholarShare 529 accounts.
- 5) Federal financial aid awards have shifted away from student grants to providing access to guaranteed student loans so that, today, over 60 percent of all federal financial aid is in the form of loans, substantially increasing the number of college graduates who will face the burden of repaying significant student loan debt upon entering the workforce.
- 6) College savings plans, such as the ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan, help families to limit or eliminate future student loan debt by helping them save for future higher education expenses.
- 7) May 29 is recognized nationally as 529 College Savings Day to raise awareness across the country of the importance of saving for college with the help of 529 college savings plans.

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. 86

Introduced by Assembly Member Rivas

May 13, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to National Stuttering Acceptance Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 86, as introduced, Rivas. National Stuttering Acceptance Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of May 9, 2025, to May 15, 2025, inclusive, as 2025 National Stuttering Acceptance Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a speech dysfluency characterized by
- 2 repetition of sounds, syllables, or words, prolongation of sounds,
- 3 and interruptions in speech; and
- 4 WHEREAS, It is estimated that about 1 percent of the world’s
- 5 population stutters and roughly 3,000,000 Americans stutter; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Organizations dedicated to bringing hope and
- 7 empowerment to children and adults who stutter through support,
- 8 education, and advocacy have locations throughout California;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, Paul Castellano and Barbara Hubbard Koval
- 11 organized the drive to win Congressional recognition for people
- 12 who stutter, and in 1988 President Ronald Reagan signed a
- 13 proclamation establishing the second week in May 1988 as
- 14 National Stuttering Awareness Week; and

1 WHEREAS, Many stutterers feel frustration and embarrassment
2 that can lead to harmful emotional stress; and

3 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a form of speech diversity and should
4 be recognized as simply a different way of speaking; and

5 WHEREAS, When stuttering continues into adulthood, a person
6 may have difficulty communicating with other people and stuttering
7 may affect a person's quality of life, interpersonal relationships,
8 job opportunities, and professional growth; and

9 WHEREAS, During National Stuttering Acceptance Awareness
10 Week, many seek to raise awareness about communication
11 disorders and the many ways that people with the daily challenges
12 of stuttering can be supported; and

13 WHEREAS, By recognizing these challenges, we can draw
14 attention to the needs of persons who stutter, shine a light on these
15 often invisible disabilities, and help avoid the negative
16 consequences of misunderstanding stuttering; and

17 WHEREAS, Many years of public advocacy campaigns,
18 personal experiences, and individuals or groups acting as informal
19 ambassadors have raised the awareness of both speech disabilities
20 and stuttering; and

21 WHEREAS, Raising awareness of speech disabilities and
22 stuttering involves awareness not only of individuals but also
23 unique individual needs and contributions; and

24 WHEREAS, As stuttering awareness campaigns have become
25 more common, so too has public awareness and acceptance; and

26 WHEREAS, Progress towards awareness and acceptance is to
27 be both celebrated and built upon; and

28 WHEREAS, The opportunity for inclusiveness is the next logical
29 step in the progress California must make to not only fully support
30 and welcome the voices of people who stutter, but to also show
31 their voices are needed; and

32 WHEREAS, A growing number of families in California have
33 a family member with a stutter and know that inclusion is a crucial
34 element for their loved ones' future success; and

35 WHEREAS, This proclamation will increase and encourage
36 public participation at the local and state government level; now,
37 therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
39 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
40 week of May 9, 2025, to May 15, 2025, inclusive, as 2025 National

- 1 Stuttering Acceptance Awareness Week and encourages all
- 2 Californians to support the stuttering community; 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: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 86 (Rivas) – As Introduced May 13, 2025

SUBJECT: National Stuttering Acceptance Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of May 9, 2025, to May 15, 2025, inclusive, as 2025 National Stuttering Acceptance Awareness Week, and encourages all Californians to support the stuttering community. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Stuttering is a speech dysfluency characterized by repetition of sounds, syllables, or words, prolongation of sounds, and interruptions in speech. It is estimated that about 1 percent of the world's population stutters and roughly 3 million Americans stutter.
- 2) Many stutterers feel frustration and embarrassment that can lead to harmful emotional stress. Stuttering is a form of speech diversity and should be recognized as simply a different way of speaking. When stuttering continues into adulthood, a person may have difficulty communicating with other people, and stuttering may affect a person's quality of life, interpersonal relationships, job opportunities, and professional growth.
- 3) During National Stuttering Acceptance Awareness Week, many seek to raise awareness about communication disorders and the many ways that people with the daily challenges of stuttering can be supported.
- 4) Organizations dedicated to bringing hope and empowerment to children and adults who stutter through support, education, and advocacy have locations throughout California.
- 5) Raising awareness of speech disabilities and stuttering involves awareness not only of individuals, but also unique individual needs and contributions. As stuttering awareness campaigns have become more common, so too has public awareness and acceptance.
- 6) Progress towards awareness and acceptance is to be both celebrated and built upon. The opportunity for inclusiveness is the next logical step in the progress California must make to not only fully support and welcome the voices of people who stutter, but to also show their voices are needed.

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. 89

**Introduced by Assembly Member Jeff Gonzalez
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Schiavo)**

May 15, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 89—Relative to Military Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 89, as introduced, Jeff Gonzalez. Military Appreciation Month.

This measure would honor the men and women who have served and are serving in our nation’s military and would recognize the month of May 2025 as Military Appreciation Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month began with
2 a simple idea: gather America around its military family to honor,
3 remember, recognize, and appreciate those who serve and have
4 served all while knowing the history of the Armed Forces of the
5 United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The first federal legislation for National Military
7 Appreciation Month (S.Res. 33) began in 1999 with the support
8 and sponsorship of Senator John McCain of Arizona and
9 Representative Duncan Hunter of San Diego, California, along
10 with over 50 veteran service organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, The purpose of this important resolution is to let
12 our service members know that the people they protect dedicate
13 an entire month to honor, remember, and appreciate their patriotism
14 and their families’ dedication; and

1 WHEREAS, This special recognition provides an opportunity
2 to acknowledge both the history of the Armed Forces of the United
3 States and the diversity of its individuals and achievements. It
4 allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical
5 impact of our military, through the participation of the community
6 with those who serve, and encourage patriotism and love for
7 America; and

8 WHEREAS, This very important month honors, remembers,
9 recognizes, and appreciates all military personnel: the men and
10 women who have served throughout American history, the people
11 who now serve in uniform, and their families, as well as the
12 Americans who have given their lives in defense of the freedoms
13 we all enjoy today; and

14 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month recognizes
15 individuals on active duty in all branches of the Armed Forces,
16 the National Guard, reservists, retirees, and, as of 2023, the
17 18,267,000 living veterans according to the United States
18 Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as their families, which
19 comprises well over 90 million Americans. Let us celebrate them
20 just as we celebrate the other important entities that make up this
21 wonderful country of ours; and

22 WHEREAS, Our military continues to play a major role in the
23 development of our country, as chronicled through a history of
24 unbending honor, dedication to duty, and genuine love of country;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, The role of the United States as a world leader
27 requires a military force that is well trained, well equipped, and
28 appropriately sized; and

29 WHEREAS, This month is necessary to remind us of the
30 sacrifices of the men and women who have answered the call to
31 serve and the history we, as Americans, have been privileged to
32 participate in throughout more than 245 years; and

33 WHEREAS, Our military represents the highest caliber of
34 professionalism, patriotism, and technology, and its service
35 members willingly risk their lives on a moment's notice; and

36 WHEREAS, Through appropriate means, federal, state, and
37 local governments, as well as private sector entities, are invited to
38 participate in this special month and to encourage everyone to
39 sponsor and participate in programs via multiple venues, giving
40 the nation a time and place upon which to focus, draw attention,

1 and express our appreciation and thanks to our military family;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month, May 2025,
4 includes Loyalty Day on May 1, V-E Day on May 8, Military
5 Spouse Appreciation Day on May 9, Children of Fallen Patriots
6 Day May 13, Armed Forces Day on May 17, and Memorial Day
7 on May 26; and

8 WHEREAS, The observance of events recognizing the
9 contributions of the Armed Forces is a tangible and highly effective
10 way of sustaining morale and improving the quality of life for
11 service members and their families; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors the men and
14 women who have served and are serving in our nation's military
15 and recognizes the month of May 2025 as Military Appreciation
16 Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 89 (Jeff Gonzalez) – As Introduced May 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Military Appreciation Month.

SUMMARY: Honors the men and women who have served and are serving in our nation's military, and recognizes the month of May 2025 as Military Appreciation Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) National Military Appreciation Month began with a simple idea: gather America around its military family to honor, remember, recognize, and appreciate those who serve and have served all while knowing the history of the Armed Forces of the United States.
- 2) The first federal legislation for National Military Appreciation Month (S.Res. 33) began in 1999 with the support and sponsorship of Senator John McCain of Arizona and Representative Duncan Hunter of San Diego, California, along with over 50 veteran service organizations.
- 3) The purpose of this important resolution is to let our service members know that the people they protect dedicate an entire month to honor, remember, and appreciate their patriotism and their families' dedication.
- 4) This special recognition provides an opportunity to acknowledge both the history of the Armed Forces of the United States and the diversity of its individuals and achievements. It allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military, through the participation of the community with those who serve, and encourage patriotism and love for America.
- 5) This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes, and appreciates all military personnel: the men and women who have served throughout American history, the people who now serve in uniform, and their families, as well as the Americans who have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy today.
- 6) National Military Appreciation Month recognizes individuals on active duty in all branches of the Armed Forces, the National Guard, reservists, retirees, and, as of 2023, the over 18.2 million living veterans according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as their families. Let us celebrate them just as we celebrate the other important entities that make up this wonderful country of ours.
- 7) Our military continues to play a major role in the development of our country, as chronicled through a history of unbending honor, dedication to duty, and genuine love of country.
- 8) This month is necessary to remind us of the sacrifices of the women and men who have answered the call to serve and the history we, as Americans, have been privileged to participate in throughout more than 245 years.

- 9) National Military Appreciation Month, May 2025, includes Loyalty Day on May 1, V-E Day on May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 9, Children of Fallen Patriots Day on May 13, Armed Forces Day on May 17, and Memorial Day on May 26.
- 10) The observance of events recognizing the contributions of the Armed Forces is a tangible and highly effective way of sustaining morale and improving the quality of life for service members and their families.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 12, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 40

Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey

May 5, 2025

House Resolution No. 40—Relative to Rosenda’s Day.

1 WHEREAS, Rosenda (Rose) Elizabeth Smiley was a miracle
2 from the start. Her parents had been told that they would never
3 have children, but against all odds, Rose arrived on December 5,
4 2009, strong, healthy, and full of life. From the moment she was
5 born, she carried a rare and radiant light, bringing joy, laughter,
6 and boundless love to all who knew her; and

7 WHEREAS, Rose’s personality was as unforgettable as her
8 dazzling smile. She was funny, loving, intelligent, stubborn, witty,
9 kind, compassionate, brave, and vibrant. Rose was a true force of
10 nature. She had a sharp mind, an undeniable presence, and an
11 ability to make anyone feel seen and valued. She was fiercely
12 independent, always standing up for herself and others, and
13 unafraid to speak her mind with honesty and warmth. Her energy
14 was contagious, and her enthusiasm for life was limitless; and

15 WHEREAS, Rose traveled the world, visiting five continents,
16 over a dozen countries, and more than one-half of the states. She
17 had a deep love for the arts, holding season tickets at the Pantages
18 Theatre for years, with *Hamilton* as her favorite play. She delighted
19 in attending concerts, exploring museums, experiencing amusement
20 parks, and immersing herself in performances that inspired her.
21 She embraced adventure in all forms, never shying away from new
22 experiences that broadened her horizons. Rose liked mushrooms,

1 ~~sunsets, the ocean, butterflies, hummingbirds, dogs, cats, flowers,~~
2 ~~and her favorite stuffed animal was a fluffy bear; and~~

3 *WHEREAS, Memorial Day holiday weekend marks the unofficial*
4 *start of summer, a period notorious for a surge in impaired driving*
5 *crashes according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving; and*

6 *WHEREAS, Drunk driving continues to be a major cause of*
7 *preventable accidents and fatalities in California; and*

8 *WHEREAS, In 2024, the Department of the California Highway*
9 *Patrol (CHP) reported a total of 42 deaths over Memorial Day*
10 *weekend; and*

11 *WHEREAS, Rosenda (Rose) Elizabeth Smiley, at 14 years of*
12 *age, was one of the 42 people killed when she was struck by a*
13 *drunk driver; and*

14 *WHEREAS, On May 25, 2024, Rose's life was stolen in an*
15 *instant. While at the beach with friends, she stepped into the*
16 *crosswalk where all lanes of cars had stopped to let her, her friend,*
17 *and her stepsister pass. But before they could make it across, a*
18 *reckless drunk driver swerved into the right turn lane to bypass*
19 *traffic, killing Rose instantly. The driver, who had his*
20 *eight-year-old daughter in the car, had two prior convictions for*
21 *driving under the influence; and*

22 *WHEREAS, Her story is tragic and it must be told, not only to*
23 *honor her but, to bring awareness to the preventable choices that*
24 *led to her death. Rose was so much more than what happened to*
25 *her. She was a free spirit, a kind and compassionate soul who saw*
26 *the good in everyone. She lived life fully, embracing each*
27 *experience and loving without hesitation. Her presence was*
28 *magnetic, drawing people in with her warmth, courage, and*
29 *unwavering sense of self; and*

30 *WHEREAS, Her legacy lives on, not only through the memories*
31 *of those who loved her but, through the lasting tribute of Rosenda's*
32 *Gift, a charity founded in her name to ensure that lives lost to*
33 *tragedy are honored, remembered, and never erased. Rose's life*
34 *was extraordinary, and her absence leaves a void that can never*
35 *be filled; and*

36 ~~*WHEREAS, Grief is the price of deep love. We mourn her*~~
37 ~~*because we were so incredibly lucky to have loved her. While the*~~
38 ~~*pain will never fade, neither will the gratitude for the gift of*~~
39 ~~*Rosenda Elizabeth Smiley, a name that will never be forgotten,*~~
40 ~~*and a smile that will forever be missed. Rose's mother, father,*~~

1 ~~brother, boyfriend, family members, friends, and all those who~~
2 ~~loved her deeply are still trying to find a way forward in a world~~
3 ~~without her. The weight of her absence is immeasurable, and~~
4 ~~learning to navigate life without her feels like an impossible task~~
5 ~~that they will carry with them always. Yet, in grief there is also~~
6 ~~love, and through that love her spirit endures; now, therefore, be~~
7 ~~it~~

8 *WHEREAS, In 2024, the CHP made 1,106 driving under the*
9 *influence arrests and issued 31,941 citations; and*

10 *WHEREAS, Beginning at 6:01 p.m. on May 24, 2024, and ending*
11 *at 11:59 p.m. on May 27, 2024, the CHP had a maximum*
12 *enforcement period (MEP) aimed to curb dangerous driving*
13 *behaviors and ensure road safety across the state. During the*
14 *MEP, the CHP averaged one driving under the influence arrest*
15 *every four minutes over the 78-hour period; and*

16 *WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse is the fourth leading cause of*
17 *preventable death in the United States, according to the National*
18 *Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; and*

19 *WHEREAS, Every 85 seconds in the United States, someone is*
20 *killed or injured in a drunk driving crash; and*

21 *WHEREAS, Two out of three people will be impacted by drunk*
22 *driving in their lifetime, according to the National Highway Safety*
23 *Traffic Administration; now, therefore, be it*

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That May*
25 *25, 2025, be declared as Rosenda's Day; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 40 (Lackey) – As Amended May 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Rosenda's Day.

SUMMARY: Declares May 25, 2025, Rosenda's Day, to raise awareness about the impacts of drunk driving and impaired driving crashes. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Memorial Day holiday weekend marks the unofficial start of summer, a period notorious for a surge in impaired driving crashes according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Drunk driving continues to be a major cause of preventable accidents and fatalities in California.
- 2) In 2024, the California Highway Patrol reported a total of 42 deaths over Memorial Day weekend. Rosenda (Rose) Elizabeth Smiley, at 14 years of age, was one of the 42 people killed when she was struck by a drunk driver.
- 3) On May 25, 2024, Rose's life was stolen in an instant. While at the beach with friends, she stepped into the crosswalk where all lanes of cars had stopped to let her, her friend, and her stepsister pass. But before they could make it across, a reckless drunk driver swerved into the right turn lane to bypass traffic, killing Rose instantly.
- 4) Her story is tragic and it must be told to bring awareness to the preventable choices that led to her death. She was a free spirit, a kind and compassionate soul who saw the good in everyone. She lived life fully, embracing each experience and loving without hesitation. Her presence was magnetic, drawing people in with her warmth, courage, and unwavering sense of self.
- 5) Her legacy lives on, not only through the memories of those who loved her, but through the lasting tribute of Rosenda's Gift, a charity founded in her name to ensure that lives lost to tragedy are honored, remembered, and never erased. Rose's life was extraordinary, and her absence leaves a void that can never be filled.
- 6) Alcohol abuse is the fourth leading cause of preventable death in the United States, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.
- 7) Every 85 seconds in the United States, someone is killed or injured in a drunk driving crash. And, two out of three people will be impacted by drunk driving in their lifetime, according to the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration.

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. 42

Introduced by Assembly Member Elhawary

May 15, 2025

House Resolution No. 42—Relative to Behavioral Health Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Mental illness is a health condition that impacts
2 our emotional, psychological, and social well-being and affects
3 how an individual thinks, feels, and acts, including how they handle
4 stress, relate to others, and make choices; and

5 WHEREAS, Substance use disorder is the persistent use of drugs
6 despite substantial harm and adverse consequences to self and
7 others; and

8 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is the term that recognizes the
9 combination of mental illness and substance use disorder that often
10 impact an individual simultaneously; and

11 WHEREAS, Mental illness is one of the leading causes of
12 disability in the United States, affecting one out of every four
13 families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those
14 persons who love and care for the person afflicted; and

15 WHEREAS, Serious mental illness costs Americans
16 approximately \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year; and

17 WHEREAS, Fifty percent of all lifetime mental illness begins
18 by 14 years of age and 75 percent begins by 24 years of age; and

19 WHEREAS, Nearly 20 percent of children and youth between
20 3 and 17 years of age, inclusive, in the United States, develop a
21 mental, emotional, developmental, or substance use disorder each
22 year; and

1 WHEREAS, In October 2021, the American Academy of
2 Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent
3 Psychiatry, and the Children’s Hospital Association came together
4 to declare a national state of emergency in children’s mental health;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Former United States Surgeon General Vivek
7 Murthy issued an advisory in December 2021—a move reserved
8 for the most urgent public health challenges—highlighting the
9 COVID-19 pandemic’s devastating impact on the already dire
10 state of children’s mental health; and

11 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, 76 percent of
12 LGBTQ+ high school students experienced persistent feelings of
13 sadness and hopelessness; and

14 WHEREAS, A report done by the Crisis Text Line of youth
15 under 17 years of age who used the service showed that there was
16 a 144-percent increase from 2010, with one in five adolescents 12
17 to 17 years of age, inclusive, who experienced a major depressive
18 episode; and

19 WHEREAS, According to a federal Centers for Disease Control
20 and Prevention report, suicide was the second leading cause of
21 death in individuals 10 to 14 years of age, inclusive, and the third
22 leading cause of death among individuals 15 to 24 years of age,
23 inclusive, in 2021; and

24 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth are four times
25 more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual youth; and

26 WHEREAS, Children under 18 years of age from racial and
27 ethnic minority groups were nearly five times more likely to
28 experience the grief of losing a loved one during the pandemic
29 compared to their non-Hispanic, white peers; and

30 WHEREAS, In California, there are nearly 45,000 children in
31 the foster care system, and many youth still exit care without the
32 support and guidance they need to successfully transition out of
33 the system; and

34 WHEREAS, An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile
35 justice system have at least one mental health condition and at
36 least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually
37 undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated,
38 thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in a
39 vulnerable condition; and

1 WHEREAS, As of 2025, approximately 37 percent of
2 California’s state prison population—about 34,000 incarcerated
3 people—have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness; and

4 WHEREAS, An estimated 60 percent of youth in juvenile
5 facilities met criteria for substance use disorder in the year before
6 entering custody; and

7 WHEREAS, Fifty-seven million Americans have a mental
8 disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults
9 living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of
10 youth 8 to 15 years of age, inclusive, with a mental illness, received
11 mental health services in the last year; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
13 has reported that many people suffer from more than one mental
14 disorder at a given time and 45 percent of people with a mental
15 disorder meet criteria for two or more disorders, including diabetes,
16 cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, and cancer, and the severity
17 of the mental disorder strongly relates to comorbidity; and

18 WHEREAS, The NIMH also reported that young adults 18 to
19 25 years of age, inclusive, had a higher prevalence of any mental
20 illness and serious mental illness compared to older adults; and

21 WHEREAS, Adults and older adults living with mental illness
22 or substance use disorders often experience additional barriers to
23 care, including stigma, social isolation, underdiagnosis, and
24 fragmented access to behavioral health services; and

25 WHEREAS, Behavioral health challenges among
26 adults—particularly those experiencing homelessness,
27 unemployment, or chronic illness—can lead to compounded health
28 disparities and require comprehensive, integrated care; and

29 WHEREAS, According to the UCLA Center for Health Policy
30 Research, less than one-third of older adults in need of mental
31 health services receive appropriate care, contributing to increased
32 rates of loneliness and social isolation; and

33 WHEREAS, According to the California Health Care
34 Foundation, older adults are the age group least likely to report
35 having mental health treatment; and

36 WHEREAS, The integration of behavioral health care, including
37 mental health and substance use treatment, into primary care,
38 housing, and aging services is critical to meeting the needs of
39 California’s diverse and growing adult and older adult populations;
40 and

1 WHEREAS, Older adults are at increased risk for cooccurring
2 behavioral health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and
3 substance use disorders due to life transitions, grief, cognitive
4 decline, and chronic medical conditions; and

5 WHEREAS, Older adults with untreated behavioral health and
6 substance use disorders are more likely to experience
7 hospitalizations, emergency room visits, and early entry into
8 long-term care; and

9 WHEREAS, Although mental illness impacts all people, many
10 people in lower income communities receive less care and poorer
11 quality of care and often lack access to culturally competent care,
12 thereby resulting in mental health disparities; and

13 WHEREAS, There are some negative perceptions about mental
14 health care as a significant factor contributing to limited or
15 nonexistent access to care, and some common concerns include,
16 but are not limited to, stigma, culture, masculinity, exposure to
17 violence, and lack of information and awareness; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities
19 Project, being misdiagnosed and given severe mental health
20 diagnoses can be stigmatizing and can affect a person's self-esteem,
21 which, in turn, can discourage a person from seeking help; and

22 WHEREAS, According to results from the 2021 National Survey
23 on Drug Use and Health, 46,300,000 people 12 years of age or
24 older had a substance use disorder in the past year, with the
25 percentage of people being higher among American Indian or
26 Alaska Native and multiracial people; and

27 WHEREAS, The burden of substance use disorder is particularly
28 high among adults involved in the criminal justice system, veterans,
29 individuals with cooccurring mental illness, and people
30 experiencing housing instability; and

31 WHEREAS, The months of April, May, and June see a regular
32 increase in rates of suicide among all people regardless of whether
33 or not they have a recorded mood disorder; and

34 WHEREAS, There is a need to improve public awareness of
35 mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of
36 brain diseases, so that all people with mental illness may receive
37 adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their
38 becoming fully functioning members of society; and

39 WHEREAS, There is a need to reduce the stigma around mental
40 illness and substance use disorder, so that all people with a mental

1 illness are encouraged to reach out to their community and seek
2 treatment without fear of isolation and judgment; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need to encourage primary care
4 physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care
5 providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to
6 encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders; and

7 WHEREAS, The Assembly wishes to enhance public awareness
8 of mental illness; and

9 WHEREAS, Ensuring all Californians have meaningful, timely,
10 and equitable access to behavioral health care is essential to the
11 overall health, safety, and well-being of our communities and the
12 state as a whole; and

13 WHEREAS, A strong behavioral health workforce is essential
14 to ensure Californians can access the care they need; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
17 Assembly hereby recognizes May 2025 as Behavioral Health
18 Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of
19 behavioral health needs across the lifespan; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 42 (Elhawary) – As Introduced May 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 2025 as Behavioral Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public awareness of behavioral health needs across the lifespan. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mental illness is a health condition that impacts our emotional, psychological, and social well-being, and affects how an individual thinks, feels, and acts, including how they handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Substance use disorder is the persistent use of drugs despite substantial harm and adverse consequences to self and others.
- 2) Behavioral health is the term that recognizes the combination of mental illness and substance use disorder that often impact an individual simultaneously.
- 3) Nearly 20 percent of children and youth between 3 and 17 years of age, inclusive, in the United States develop a mental, emotional, developmental, or substance use disorder each year.
- 4) In California, there are nearly 45,000 children in the foster care system, and many youth still exit care without the support and guidance they need to successfully transition out of the system.
- 5) An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile justice system have at least one mental health condition and at least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated, thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in a vulnerable condition.
- 6) An estimated 60 percent of youth in juvenile facilities met criteria for substance use disorder in the year before entering custody.
- 7) Adults and older adults living with mental illness or substance use disorders often experience additional barriers to care, including stigma, social isolation, under-diagnosis, and fragmented access to behavioral health services.
- 8) Behavioral health challenges among adults—particularly those experiencing homelessness, unemployment, or chronic illness—can lead to compounded health disparities and require comprehensive, integrated care.
- 9) The integration of behavioral health care, including mental health and substance use treatment, into primary care, housing, and aging services is critical to meeting the needs of California’s diverse and growing adult and older adult populations.
- 10) Older adults are at increased risk for co-occurring behavioral health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders due to life transitions, grief, cognitive decline, and chronic medical conditions.

- 11) There is a need to improve public awareness of mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of brain diseases so that all people with mental illness may receive adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their becoming fully functioning members of society.
- 12) There is a need to reduce the stigma around mental illness and substance use disorder, so that all people with a mental illness are encouraged to reach out to their community and seek treatment without fear of isolation and judgment.
- 13) Ensuring all Californians have meaningful, timely, and equitable access to behavioral health care is essential to the overall health, safety, and well-being of our communities and the state as a whole. A strong behavioral health workforce is essential to ensure Californians can access the care they need.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 25, 2025

AMENDED IN SENATE FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 4

Introduced by Senator Umberg
(Principal coauthor: Senator Strickland)
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Nguyen)

December 2, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to the fall of Saigon.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 4, as amended, Umberg. Fiftieth anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

This measure would commemorate the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, and the
2 culmination of the Vietnam—~~War~~ War; led to the United
3 States-sponsored evacuation of approximately 125,000 Vietnamese
4 refugees in a first wave and hundreds of thousands more during
5 the two-decade long Indochinese refugee crisis, creating what
6 would become the United States' sixth largest foreign-born group;
7 and
8 WHEREAS, Vietnamese immigrants and their United
9 States-born children comprise one of the largest diaspora
10 populations in the United States, at more than 1,800,000
11 individuals, and a large proportion of the first generation arrived
12 in the aftermath of the Vietnam War; and

1 WHEREAS, California is home to 35 percent of the Vietnamese
2 American population, which is the largest share in the country;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, California has one of the highest populations of
5 Vietnam veterans in the country, and 5,822 service members from
6 California died or went missing in the conflict; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby commemorates
10 the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon on April 30, 2025; and
11 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 4 (Umberg) – As Amended March 25, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Fiftieth anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

SUMMARY: Commemorates the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon on April 30, 2025. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, and the culmination of the Vietnam War, led to the United States-sponsored evacuation of approximately 125,000 Vietnamese refugees in a first wave and hundreds of thousands more during the two-decade long Indochinese refugee crisis, creating what would become the United States' sixth largest foreign-born group.
- 2) Vietnamese immigrants and their United States-born children comprise one of the largest diaspora populations in the United States, at more than 1.8 million individuals, and a large proportion of the first generation arrived in the aftermath of the Vietnam War.
- 3) California is home to 35 percent of the Vietnamese American population, which is the largest share in the country.
- 4) California has one of the highest populations of Vietnam veterans in the country, and 5,822 service members from California died or went missing in the conflict.

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 Umberg

February 12, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 23, as introduced, Umberg. California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.

This measure would proclaim Monday, May 5, 2025, as California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Monday, May 5, 2025, is California Peace Officers’
2 Memorial Day, a day Californians observe in commemoration of
3 those noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in
4 the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Although California citizens are indebted to our
6 California peace officers each day of the week, we make particular
7 note of our peace officers’ bravery and dedication, and we share
8 in their losses on California Peace Officers’ Memorial Day; and

9 WHEREAS, Peace officers have a job second in importance to
10 none, and it is a job that is as difficult and dangerous as it is
11 important; and

12 WHEREAS, California peace officers have worked dutifully
13 and selflessly on behalf of the people of this great state, regardless
14 of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

15 WHEREAS, By the enforcement of our laws, these same peace
16 officers have safeguarded the lives and property of the citizens of
17 California and have given their full measure to ensure these citizens
18 the right to be free from crime and violence; and

1 WHEREAS, Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of
2 California peace officers provide all Californians with the
3 opportunity to appreciate the heroic individuals who have dedicated
4 their lives to preserving public safety; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes California's
7 peace officers who were killed in defense of their communities in
8 2024:

9 Officer Matthew Bowen, Vacaville Police Department, End of
10 Watch: July 11, 2024.

11 Deputy Alfredo M. Flores, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
12 Department, End of Watch: April 20, 2024.

13 Officer Austin Christopher Machitar, San Diego Police
14 Department, End of Watch: August 26, 2024.

15 *Resolved*, That the Legislature also recognizes a California peace
16 officer who was killed in defense of their community in prior years,
17 but not yet enrolled:

18 Officer Chad E. Swanson, Manhattan Beach Police Department,
19 End of Watch: October 4, 2023.

20 *Resolved*, That the Legislature also recognizes California's
21 distant past honored officer:

22 Officer Terry D. Long, El Monte Police Department, End of
23 Watch: August 22, 2004; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates Monday, May 5, 2025,
25 as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day and urges all
26 Californians to remember those individuals who have given their
27 lives for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue
28 to dedicate themselves to making California a safer place to live
29 and raise our families; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 23 (Umberg) – As Introduced February 12, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims Monday, May 5, 2025, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and urges all Californians to remember those individuals who have given their lives for our safety, and express appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making California a safer place to live and raise our families. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Monday, May 5, 2025, is California Peace Officers' Memorial Day, a day Californians observe in commemoration of the noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.
- 2) Although California citizens are indebted to our California peace officers each day of the week, we make particular note of our peace officers' bravery and dedication, and we share in their losses on California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.
- 3) Peace officers have a job second in importance to none, and it is a job that is as difficult and dangerous as it is important. California peace officers have worked dutifully and selflessly on behalf of the people of this great state, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves.
- 4) By the enforcement of our laws, these same peace officers have safeguarded the lives and property of the citizens of California, and have given their full measure to ensure these citizens the right to be free from crime and violence.
- 5) Special ceremonies and observations on behalf of California peace officers provide all Californians with the opportunity to appreciate the heroic individuals who have dedicated their lives to preserving public safety.

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 Alvarado-Gil

February 13, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to Rosie the Riveter Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 24, as introduced, Alvarado-Gil. Rosie the Riveter Day.

This measure would recognize the day of March 21, 2025, as Rosie the Riveter Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Rosie the Riveter Day is celebrated on March 21
2 each year in honor of the cultural icon that represented the
3 hardworking women who supported the American war effort during
4 World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, Rosie the Riveter symbolized the millions of
6 women who entered the workforce to replace male workers who
7 were fighting in the war; and

8 WHEREAS, These women worked in factories and shipyards,
9 building airplanes, tanks, and other supplies that were essential to
10 the war effort, and their contributions not only helped win the war
11 but also paved the way for women’s rights and opportunities in
12 the workplace; and

13 WHEREAS, Rosie the Riveter Day celebrates the courage,
14 strength, and determination of these women and serves as a
15 reminder of their important role in American history; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the day of

1 March 21, 2025, as Rosie the Riveter Day to encourage people to
2 recognize and honor the achievements of women in the workforce
3 and to continue to promote gender equality and women's
4 empowerment; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
6 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 24 (Alvarado-Gil) – As Introduced February 13, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Rosie the Riveter Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the day of March 21, 2025, as Rosie the Riveter Day to encourage people to recognize and honor the achievements of women in the workforce, and to continue to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Rosie the Riveter Day is celebrated on March 21 each year in honor of the cultural icon that represented the hardworking women who supported the American war effort during World War II.
- 2) Rosie the Riveter symbolized the millions of women who entered the workforce to replace male workers who were fighting in the war.
- 3) These women worked in factories and shipyards, building airplanes, tanks, and other supplies that were essential to the war effort, and their contributions not only helped win the war but also paved the way for women’s rights and opportunities in the workplace.
- 4) Rosie the Riveter Day celebrates the courage, strength, and determination of these women and serves as a reminder of their important role in American history.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Women Lawyers
Rosie the Riveter Trust

Opposition

None on file

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



May 8, 2025

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

RE: Support for SCR 24 – Rosie the Riveter

Dear Chair Pacheco,

I am writing on behalf of the California Women Lawyers, to express our strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 24, which commemorates Rosie the Riveter as a symbol of the millions of women who answered the call to serve their country on the home front during World War II.

California Women Lawyers (CWL) is a statewide organization with the mission of advancing women in the legal profession and in society. CWL was chartered in 1974 to advance women in the profession of law; to improve the administration of justice; to better the position of women in society; to eliminate all inequities based on gender, and to provide an organization for collective action and expression germane to the aforesaid purposes.


Rosie the Riveter is more than an iconic image—she represents the resilience, patriotism, and determination of women who filled critical industrial, manufacturing, and defense jobs during a time of global crisis. These women shattered stereotypes, broke barriers, and laid the groundwork for future generations by proving that strength, skill, and service are not bound by gender.

SCR 24 serves not only to honor their legacy but also to remind us of the importance of civic duty, equality, and opportunity. Recognizing Rosie the Riveter and the women she represents is a powerful statement of California's continued commitment to honoring our shared history and those who contributed to building a better, freer world.

I urge your colleagues in the State Legislature to adopt SCR 24 and ensure this important chapter of American history is acknowledged and preserved for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing this meaningful resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Cook".

Sarah Cook
California Women Lawyers Legislative Committee Chair



February 18, 2025

The Honorable Marie Alvarado-Gil, Representative
California State Senate, Dist. 4
1021 O Street, Room 7240
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for California Senate Concurrent Resolution 24 – Rosie the Riveter Day

Dear Representative Alvarado-Gil,

I am writing to express our strong support for California Senate Concurrent Resolution 24 (SCR 24), that you introduced on February 13, 2025, which will designate March 21, as Rosie the Riveter Day in California.

This resolution is especially meaningful as it coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park located in Richmond, California. In recognition of the vital contributions made by all the people on the American Home Front who stepped up during World War II to support the war effort - forever changing the landscape of the workforce and paving the way for expanded opportunities in skilled trades and other industries - we heartily endorse this bill.

By recognizing March 21 as Rosie the Riveter Day, SCR 24 encourages the public to honor the achievements of these women and encourages us all to continue to answer the call with the **We Can Do It!** spirit of Rosie the Riveter. This recognition not only honors these trailblazers but also serves as an opportunity to inspire the next generation to explore careers in skilled trades.

I urge your colleagues to fully support Senate Concurrent Resolution 24, ensuring that these extraordinary pioneers –who we call Rosie the Riveters– receive the recognition they deserve. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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Introduced by Senator Umberg

March 19, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42—Relative to Arab American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 42, as introduced, Umberg. Arab American Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month and encourage citizens to join in the special observance.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, For over a century, Arab Americans have been
2 making valuable contributions to every aspect of American society,
3 including in medicine, law, business, education, technology,
4 government, military service, and culture; and
5 WHEREAS, Since migrating to America, people of Arab descent
6 have shared their rich cultures and traditions with all in their
7 communities, while demonstrating their commitment to citizenship
8 and public service; and
9 WHEREAS, Arab Americans brought with them to America a
10 shared tradition of strong family values, academic achievement,
11 and work ethic, along with a diversity in faith and creed that have
12 enriched our great democracy; and
13 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society
14 by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our
15 nation free and prosperous; and
16 WHEREAS, The history and experiences of Arab Americans
17 in the United States continue to be neglected or defaced by harmful

1 misconceptions, bigotry, structural racism, and anti-Arab
 2 sentiments in the forms of hate speech and other crimes; and
 3 WHEREAS, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses,
 4 harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be confronted through
 5 actionable education and awareness initiatives; and
 6 WHEREAS, Arab Americans join with all Americans in the
 7 shared pursuit of a free and diverse democratic society, where
 8 every person is guaranteed equality and security; and
 9 WHEREAS, Arab Americans are unwavering in their dedication
 10 to supporting their families and friends in Palestine by organizing
 11 and advocating for aid and lasting peace in Gaza, demonstrating
 12 their commitments to justice and human rights, and advancing
 13 United States diplomatic relations in the Middle East and around
 14 the world; and
 15 WHEREAS, The incredible contributions and heritage of Arab
 16 Americans have helped us build a better nation; now, therefore,
 17 be it
 18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
 19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
 20 month of April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month and
 21 encourages our citizens to join us in this special observance; and
 22 be it further
 23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
 24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 42 (Umberg) – As Introduced March 19, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Arab American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month, and encourages our citizens to join us in this special observance. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to every aspect of American society, including in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture.
- 2) Since migrating to America, people of Arab descent have shared their rich cultures and traditions with all in their communities, while demonstrating their commitment to citizenship and public service.
- 3) Arab Americans brought with them to America a shared tradition of strong family values, academic achievement, and work ethic, along with a diversity in faith and creed that have enriched our great democracy.
- 4) The history and experiences of Arab Americans in the United States continue to be neglected or defaced by harmful misconceptions, bigotry, structural racism, and anti-Arab sentiments in the forms of hate speech and other crimes. Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be confronted through actionable education and awareness initiatives.
- 5) Arab Americans join with all Americans in the shared pursuit of a free and diverse democratic society, where every person is guaranteed equality and security.
- 6) The incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation.

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 Archuleta

March 24, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to Parkinson’s Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 43, as introduced, Archuleta. Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2025 as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is a chronic, progressive
2 neurological disease and is the second most common
3 neurodegenerative disease behind Alzheimer’s disease in the United
4 States; and

5 WHEREAS, The symptoms of Parkinson’s disease vary from
6 person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement
7 and rigidity, gait and balance difficulties, speech and swallowing
8 disturbances, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders,
9 and a variety of other nonmotor symptoms; and

10 WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is the fastest growing
11 neurological disease in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 90,000 individuals are diagnosed
13 annually with Parkinson’s disease in North America, 50 percent
14 higher than research previously suggested; and

15 WHEREAS, There is inadequate data on the incidence and
16 prevalence of Parkinson’s disease, but it is estimated to affect

1 nearly 1,600,000 people in the United States, and that number is
2 expected to more than double by 2040; and

3 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 15th leading cause of
4 death in the United States, according to the federal Centers for
5 Disease Control and Prevention; and

6 WHEREAS, There are millions of Americans who are
7 caregivers, family members, and friends greatly impacted by
8 Parkinson's disease; and

9 WHEREAS, There is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the
10 progression of the disease, and available treatments are limited in
11 their ability to address patients' medical needs and remain effective
12 over time; and

13 WHEREAS, Volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical
14 professionals are working to improve the quality of life of people
15 living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and

16 WHEREAS, It is estimated that Parkinson's disease costs \$52
17 billion per year, of which the federal government shoulders \$25
18 billion, leaving American families to cover the remaining amount;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, According to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for
21 Parkinson's Research, over 107,000 people in California have
22 Parkinson's disease, costing the state \$5.8 billion annually for
23 direct and indirect health care costs; and

24 WHEREAS, The California Parkinson's Disease Registry was
25 created in 2017 through the state budget and became operational
26 in 2018. The California Parkinson's Disease Registry has become
27 a model for the nation and the world as it collects patient
28 information that can help improve our understanding and treatment
29 of Parkinson's disease; and

30 WHEREAS, Now expanded to include more data on related
31 diseases, the California Neurodegenerative Disease Registry has
32 collected hundreds of thousands of electronic records and formed
33 reporting partnerships with more than 500 reporting entities,
34 including health groups such as Sutter Health, Kaiser Permanente,
35 Dignity Health, Scripps Health, and Stanford Health Care, allowing
36 patient data to automatically be sent from the physician's office
37 to the state. After the data is processed by the State Department
38 of Public Health, it is made available to research institutions in an
39 effort to improve treatments and eventually find a cure for the
40 disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease
2 is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the
3 exact cause in most individuals is still unknown; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the last 20 years, the Michael J. Fox
5 Foundation for Parkinson's Research has raised over \$310,000,000
6 for Parkinson's disease research in California; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2010, the Michael J. Fox Foundation launched
8 its landmark research study, the Parkinson's Progression Markers
9 Initiative (PPMI), to better understand Parkinson's disease and
10 advance new treatments; and

11 WHEREAS, The Michael J. Fox Foundation has provided
12 \$2,000,000 annually each to the University of California at San
13 Francisco, the University of California at San Diego, and the
14 University of Southern California to participate in the PPMI study;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, As a result of the PPMI study, in April 2023, the
17 Michael J. Fox Foundation announced the validation of the
18 first-ever biomarker for Parkinson's disease. For the first time in
19 the living body, researchers can objectively detect an abnormal
20 protein in individuals with Parkinson's disease, and those not yet
21 diagnosed with Parkinson's disease who do not show clinical
22 symptoms. This discovery represents one of the most prominent
23 breakthroughs in brain disease research of the past decade; and

24 WHEREAS, Increased research, education, and community
25 support services are needed to find more effective treatments and
26 to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease
27 today; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
30 April 2025 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in California;
31 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 43 (Archuleta) – As Introduced March 24, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2025 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease, and is the second-most common neurodegenerative disease behind Alzheimer's disease in the United States.
- 2) The symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, gait and balance difficulties, speech and swallowing disturbances, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders, and a variety of other non-motor symptoms.
- 3) Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurological disease in the United States. It is estimated that 90,000 individuals are diagnosed annually with Parkinson's disease in North America, 50 percent higher than research previously suggested.
- 4) Parkinson's disease is the 15th leading cause of death in the United States, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There are millions of Americans who are caregivers, family members, and friends greatly impacted by Parkinson's disease.
- 5) There is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease, and available treatments are limited in their ability to address patients' medical needs and remain effective over time.
- 6) According to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, over 107,000 people in California have Parkinson's disease, costing the state \$5.8 billion annually for direct and indirect health care costs.
- 7) The California Parkinson's Disease Registry was created in 2017 through the state budget and became operational in 2018. The California Parkinson's Disease Registry has become a model for the nation and the world as it collects patient information that can help improve our understanding and treatment of Parkinson's disease.
- 8) Research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause in most individuals is still unknown.
- 9) Increased research, education, and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.

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 Wahab

(Coauthors: Senators Arreguín, Ashby, Blakespear, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Durazo, Gonzalez, Laird, Limón, Ochoa Bogh, Pérez, Richardson, Stern, and Valladares)

March 24, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45—Relative to American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 45, as introduced, Wahab. American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize the month of April 2025 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Freedom of religion holds the distinction of being
2 a cherished right and a fundamental value upon which the law and
3 ethics of the United States are based; and

4 WHEREAS, Enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its
5 residents, the State of California takes great pride in supporting
6 individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the diverse
7 religious, political, and cultural traditions of its residents, including
8 Americans who practice Islam; and

9 WHEREAS, The history of Islam in this country dates back to
10 before its founding, originating with enslaved Africans who
11 brought their Muslim beliefs with them to the Americas and who
12 later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation,
13 and there are today millions of American Muslims, both immigrant
14 and native born, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs; and

1 WHEREAS, American Muslims contribute greatly to the fabric
2 of California and to causes that help people from all faiths and
3 backgrounds in California, in the United States, and around the
4 world by providing family services, scholastic supplies, medical
5 assistance, before and after school programs, recuperation efforts
6 following natural disasters, and food to the hungry; and

7 WHEREAS, California is home to several prominent Muslim
8 figures who continue to make significant contributions to the State
9 of California and the United States as business owners, legal
10 professionals, doctors, engineers, teachers, farmers, civil rights
11 leaders, humanitarians, and athletes, and in many other great,
12 notable capacities; and

13 WHEREAS, Muslims across California have made invaluable
14 contributions to the arts, including film and television, comedy,
15 music, and the visual arts; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2016 University of California Undergraduate
17 Experience Survey found that while Muslims are a religious
18 minority on campuses, they are racially diverse, with a majority
19 of the population identifying as women, with varied social class
20 backgrounds, more likely to work during their college years, and
21 more likely to participate in student organizations than their peers
22 of nonreligious or other religious backgrounds; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2024, American Muslim Appreciation and
24 Awareness Month (AMAAM) was moved to the month of April
25 in order to fall within the K–12 school year to allow students from
26 all faiths and backgrounds the opportunity to engage with,
27 commemorate, and further their understanding of American Muslim
28 Appreciation and Awareness Month; and

29 WHEREAS, Incidents of hate continue to impact the Muslim
30 community, including hate crimes, mosque vandalism, school
31 bullying, workplace and housing discrimination, and hate speech
32 targeted at Muslims; and

33 WHEREAS, In the first decade of the 21st century, the Federal
34 Bureau of Investigation profiled and spied on Muslim communities
35 in northern and southern California, forcing the Muslim community
36 at large to fight for the rights of its community members; and

37 WHEREAS, As recently as 2022, the Commission on Peace
38 Officer Standards and Training utilized as a training tool a video
39 depicting Muslims inside prisons as likely to radicalize and form

1 extremist organizations that could attack United States targets,
2 perpetuating anti-Muslim sentiments among peace officers; and

3 WHEREAS, The Legislature acknowledges the importance of
4 the state government in advocating for peace and justice,
5 understanding that Muslims everywhere deserve to live in peace
6 and safety; and

7 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to acknowledge and promote
8 awareness of the myriad of invaluable contributions of American
9 Muslims in California and across the country and extend to them
10 the respect and camaraderie every American deserves; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
13 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature joins communities
14 throughout the State of California in recognizing the month of
15 April 2025 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness
16 Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 45 (Wahab) – As Introduced March 24, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of April 2025 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Freedom of religion holds the distinction of being a cherished right and a fundamental value upon which the law and ethics of the United States are based.
- 2) Enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the State of California takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the diverse religious, political, and cultural traditions of its residents, including Americans who practice Islam.
- 3) American Muslims contribute greatly to the fabric of California and to causes that help people from all faiths and backgrounds in California, in the United States, and around the world by providing family services, scholastic supplies, medical assistance, before and after school programs, recuperation efforts following natural disasters, and food to the hungry.
- 4) California is home to several prominent Muslim figures who continue to make significant contributions to the State of California and the United States as business owners, legal professionals, doctors, engineers, teachers, farmers, civil rights leaders, humanitarians, and athletes, and in many other great, notable capacities. Muslims across California have made invaluable contributions to the arts, including film and television, comedy, music, and the visual arts.
- 5) In 2024, American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month was moved to the month of April in order to fall within the K-12 school year to allow students from all faiths and backgrounds the opportunity to engage with, commemorate, and further their understanding of American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.

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 Wahab

March 26, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 49—Relative to Mosquito Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 49, as introduced, Wahab. Mosquito Awareness Week.

This measure would declare that the week of April 13, 2025, to April 19, 2025, inclusive, be designated as Mosquito Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection
2 Agency recognizes that mosquitoborne diseases are currently
3 among the world’s leading causes of illness and death; and
4 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization estimates that
5 more than 300,000,000 clinical cases each year are attributable to
6 mosquitoborne illnesses; and
7 WHEREAS, Excess numbers of mosquitoes and other vectors
8 spread diseases, reduce the enjoyment of both public and private
9 outdoor living spaces, reduce property values, hinder outdoor work,
10 reduce livestock productivity, and have a negative impact on the
11 environment; and
12 WHEREAS, Two invasive mosquito species in California, *Aedes*
13 *albopictus*, the Asian tiger mosquito, which was detected in
14 southern California in 2011, and *Aedes aegypti*, the yellow fever
15 mosquito, which was detected in central and northern California
16 in 2013 and southern California in 2014 and currently found in 24
17 counties statewide, are posing new public health threats due to
18 their capability to transmit potentially deadly or debilitating

1 diseases, such as dengue fever, yellow fever, chikungunya, and
2 Zika, which can cause significant birth defects; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 2015, there have been 767 travel-associated
4 cases of Zika fever detected in California, including 244 infections
5 in pregnant women and 16 infants born with complications; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2016, there have been 1,852 travel-associated
7 cases of dengue in 45 counties, leading to an increased risk of local
8 transmission by invasive mosquitoes; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to new, emerging diseases, California
10 must remain vigilant in fighting known diseases. West Nile virus
11 is a mosquitoborne disease that can result in debilitating cases of
12 meningitis and encephalitis, and death to humans, horses, avian
13 species, and other wildlife; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2024, West Nile virus resulted in 12 human
15 deaths in California and 129 individual cases in 24 counties; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2024, there were 0 human cases of St. Louis
17 encephalitis virus; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2024, 18 locally-acquired human cases of dengue
19 virus were detected in southern California, making it the second
20 year of documented local transmission; and

21 WHEREAS, A 2010 study from the University of California,
22 Los Angeles, found that low socioeconomic status was an indicator
23 of the likelihood of West Nile virus cases; and

24 WHEREAS, Adequately funded mosquito and vector control,
25 disease surveillance, and public awareness programs, coupled with
26 best management practices on public and private lands, are the
27 best ways to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other
28 diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

29 WHEREAS, As a result of the threat mosquitoes posed to
30 California's economic development and health of its citizens, 110
31 years ago, the Legislature enacted California's Mosquito
32 Abatement Districts Act (Assembly Bill 1590, 1915); and

33 WHEREAS, Professional mosquito and vector control, based
34 on scientific research, has made great advances in safely reducing
35 mosquito and vector populations and the diseases they transmit;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, Established mosquitoborne and vectorborne
38 diseases such as plague, Lyme disease, flea-borne typhus, and
39 encephalitis, and new and emerging vectorborne diseases such as

1 hantavirus, arenavirus, babesiosis, and ehrlichiosis cause illness
2 and sometimes death every year in California; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Legislature established the California
4 Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program to support advanced
5 data collection and analysis tools, such as the California
6 Vectorborne Disease Surveillance System (CalSurv), and to foster
7 collaborative research in vector control; and

8 WHEREAS, Mosquito and vector control districts throughout
9 California work closely with the United States Environmental
10 Protection Agency and the State Department of Public Health to
11 reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals, and the environment
12 while protecting human health from mosquitoborne and
13 vectorborne diseases and nuisances; and

14 WHEREAS, Best management practices, emphasizing
15 nonchemical approaches, have been developed to guide mosquito
16 control that can significantly reduce mosquito populations for new
17 developments and on state and private lands; and

18 WHEREAS, The State Department of Public Health maintains
19 information on how to eliminate risks from vectors at both
20 www.cdph.ca.gov and westnile.ca.gov, which the public is
21 encouraged to review; and

22 WHEREAS, The public's awareness of the health benefits
23 associated with safe, professionally applied mosquito and vector
24 control methods will support these efforts, as well as motivate the
25 state and the public to eliminate mosquito and vector breeding
26 sites on public and private property; and

27 WHEREAS, Educational programs have been developed to
28 include schools, civic groups, private industry, and governmental
29 agencies in order to meet the public's need for information about
30 West Nile virus, other diseases, and mosquito and vector biology
31 and control; and

32 WHEREAS, Public awareness can result in reduced production
33 of mosquitoes and other vectors on residential, commercial, and
34 public lands by responsible parties, avoidance of the bites of
35 mosquitoes and other vectors when the risk of West Nile virus and
36 other disease transmission is high, detection of human cases of
37 mosquitoborne and vectorborne diseases that otherwise may be
38 misdiagnosed for lack of appropriate laboratory testing, and the
39 formation of mosquito or vector control agencies where needed;
40 and

1 WHEREAS, Public awareness can result in action to provide
2 adequate funding for existing mosquito and vector control agencies,
3 or to create control agencies in areas where there are no existing
4 controls; and

5 WHEREAS, Mosquito Awareness Week will increase the
6 public's awareness of the threat of dengue, West Nile virus, and
7 other diseases, and the activities of the various mosquito vector
8 research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat
9 within California, and will highlight the educational programs
10 currently available; and

11 WHEREAS, The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of
12 California has designated the week of April 13, 2025, to April 19,
13 2025, inclusive, as the West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector
14 Control Awareness Week in California; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Senate hereby declares that the week
17 of April 13, 2025, to April 19, 2025, inclusive, be designated as
18 Mosquito Awareness Week; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of
20 this resolution to the Governor, the State Public Health Officer,
21 and the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 49 (Wahab) – As Introduced March 26, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Mosquito Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares that the week of April 13, 2025, to April 19, 2025, inclusive, be designated as Mosquito Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The United States Environmental Protection Agency recognizes that mosquito-borne diseases are currently among the world's leading causes of illness and death. And, the World Health Organization estimates that more than 300 million clinical cases each year are attributable to mosquito-borne illnesses.
- 2) Excess numbers of mosquitoes and other vectors spread diseases, reduce the enjoyment of both public and private outdoor living spaces, reduce property values, hinder outdoor work, reduce livestock productivity, and have a negative impact on the environment.
- 3) West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can result in debilitating cases of meningitis and encephalitis, and death to humans, horses, avian species, and other wildlife. In 2024, West Nile virus resulted in 12 human deaths in California and 129 individual cases in 24 counties.
- 4) Adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance, and public awareness programs, coupled with best management practices on public and private lands, are the best ways to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors.
- 5) Professional mosquito and vector control, based on scientific research, has made great advances in safely reducing mosquito and vector populations and the diseases they transmit.
- 6) In 2019, the Legislature established the California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program to support advanced data collection and analysis tools, such as the California Vectorborne Disease Surveillance System (CalSurv), and to foster collaborative research in vector control.
- 7) Mosquito and vector control districts throughout California work closely with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Public Health to reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals, and the environment while protecting human health from mosquito-borne and vector-borne diseases and nuisances.
- 8) Best management practices, emphasizing nonchemical approaches, have been developed to guide mosquito control that can significantly reduce mosquito populations for new developments and on state and private lands.

- 9) The public's awareness of the health benefits associated with safe, professionally applied mosquito and vector control methods will support these efforts, as well as motivate the state and the public to eliminate mosquito and vector breeding sites on public and private property.
- 10) Educational programs have been developed to include schools, civic groups, private industry, and government agencies in order to meet the public's need for information about West Nile virus, other diseases, and mosquito and vector biology and control.
- 11) Mosquito Awareness Week will increase the public's awareness of the threat of dengue, West Nile virus, and other diseases, and the activities of the various mosquito vector research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat within California, and will highlight the educational programs currently available.

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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Introduced by Senator Allen
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April 7, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59—Relative to Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 59, as introduced, Allen. Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

This measure would encourage all Californians to support the arts and would recognize April 2025 as a significant time to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the arts, culture, and creativity of all Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month of April is the
2 seventh annual statewide celebration; and
3 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent
4 Resolution No. 33 proclaiming every April as Arts, Culture, and
5 Creativity Month; and
6 WHEREAS, Arts, culture, and creativity are essential drivers
7 of health, hope, and healing within California communities, with
8 critical impacts on economic development and innovation and the
9 social forces necessary to drive progress, build community, educate
10 youth, advance racial justice, and create jobs; and
11 WHEREAS, Exposure to the arts positively impacts health
12 through reducing stress hormones and depression, increasing
13 longevity and cognitive well-being, and fostering interpersonal

1 connection through regular engagement and attendance at cultural
2 events; and

3 WHEREAS, Youth access to arts education and creative
4 programming provides meaningful benefits to hope and
5 perspective, fosters a sense of community and personal fulfillment,
6 and inspires optimism and resilience in the face of challenges; and

7 WHEREAS, Engagement with creative outlets and activities
8 and with cultural experiences provides unique opportunities for
9 healing, offering therapeutic and restorative experiences that
10 enhance well-being, cultivate mental and physical health, and
11 support emotional recovery; and

12 WHEREAS, Retaining and supporting cultural diversity is
13 essential for healthy, equitable, and thriving communities, and
14 access to art is essential to individual health and community
15 well-being by providing access to joyful engagement with arts and
16 providing mental health benefits and improved well-being in each
17 aspect of life; and

18 WHEREAS, Art work is real work, and California employs the
19 highest number of people in creative industries — architecture,
20 entertainment, fashion, media, and publishing — than any other
21 state in the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, California is now the fourth largest economy in
23 the world with a creative economy, according to the recently
24 released Otis Report on the Creative Economy in 2021, with
25 approximately \$504 billion in direct economic impact and an
26 estimated \$978.6 billion when combined direct, induced, and
27 indirect factors are considered, representing a workforce of over
28 1,800,000 workers and 7.6 percent of the state's GDP; and

29 WHEREAS, State support for the arts, arts education, and
30 cultural bearers is crucial in order to achieve equitable access to
31 the arts throughout California, and it is imperative for all California
32 children and youth to have access to arts education and cultural
33 institutions in their schools; and

34 WHEREAS, In a state as diverse as California, the arts serve to
35 give a voice to many communities, spark individual creativity,
36 foster empathy and understanding, spur civic engagement, and
37 serve as a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration,
38 and growth; now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
40 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature encourages all Californians

1 to deepen support for arts in our schools and uplift and expand
2 opportunities in our creative workforce; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes April 2025 as a
4 significant time to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the arts,
5 culture, and creativity of all Californians; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
7 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 19, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 59 (Allen) – As Introduced April 7, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 2025 as a significant time to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the arts, culture, and creativity of all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month of April is the seventh annual statewide celebration. In 2019, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33 proclaiming every April as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.
- 2) Arts, culture, and creativity are essential drivers of health, hope, and healing within California communities, with critical impacts on economic development and innovation and the social forces necessary to drive progress, build community, educate youth, advance racial justice, and create jobs.
- 3) Exposure to the arts positively impacts health through reducing stress hormones and depression, increasing longevity and cognitive well-being, and fostering interpersonal connection through regular engagement and attendance at cultural events.
- 4) Youth access to arts education and creative programming provides meaningful benefits to hope and perspective, fosters a sense of community and personal fulfillment, and inspires optimism and resilience in the face of challenges.
- 5) Engagement with creative outlets and activities and with cultural experiences provides unique opportunities for healing, offering therapeutic and restorative experiences that enhance well-being, cultivate mental and physical health, and support emotional recovery.
- 6) Art work is real work, and California employs the highest number of people in creative industries — architecture, entertainment, fashion, media, and publishing — than any other state in the nation.
- 7) California is now the fourth largest economy in the world with a creative economy with approximately \$504 billion in direct economic impact and an estimated \$978.6 billion when combined direct, induced, and indirect factors are considered, representing a workforce of over 1.8 million workers and 7.6 percent of the state's GDP.
- 8) In a state as diverse as California, the arts serve to give a voice to many communities, spark individual creativity, foster empathy and understanding, spur civic engagement, and serve as a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration.

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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