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Thursday, May 29, 2025  
 10 minutes prior to Session  
 State Capitol, Room 126

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 5/28/2025  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for SB 504 has changed. The following measures have been added to the referral list: SB 694, SB 802, and SB 861.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/29/2025

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

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
<u>ACR 88</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 90</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 91</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 43</u>	RLS.
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<u>SB 237</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 255</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 255</u>	JUD.
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<u>SB 344</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 389</u>	ED.
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<u>SB 440</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 482</u>	L. GOV.
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<u>SB 485</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 504</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 504</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>SB 517</u>	B. & P.
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<u>SB 521</u>	P.E. & R.
<u>SB 534</u>	E.D., G., & H.I.
<u>SB 558</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 627</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 627</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 650</u>	W., P., & W.
<u>SB 650</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 693</u>	L. & E.
<u>SB 694</u>	M. & V.A.
<u>SB 772</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 773</u>	B. & P.
<u>SB 802</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 802</u>	HUM. S.
<u>SB 846</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 852</u>	ELECTIONS
<u>SB 856</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 857</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 858</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 861</u>	B. & P.
<u>SCR 58</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 62</u>	RLS.

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 58**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Sharp-Collins  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry)**

March 24, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 58—Relative to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 58, as introduced, Sharp-Collins. National Conference of State Legislatures.

This measure would recognize and commend the National Conference of State Legislatures for their 50 years of outstanding leadership and commitment to the legislative institution.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures  
2 (NCSL) was founded in 1975 and has evolved during the past  
3 half-century to become the premier organization solely dedicated  
4 to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff; and  
5 WHEREAS, NCSL was created from the merger of three  
6 organizations that served or represented state legislatures and that  
7 shared the belief that legislative service is one of democracy’s  
8 worthiest pursuits; and  
9 WHEREAS, NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three  
10 objectives: to advance the effectiveness, independence, and  
11 integrity of state legislatures; to foster interstate communication  
12 and cooperation; and to ensure to the states a strong, cohesive  
13 voice in the federal system; and

1 WHEREAS, Our nation’s state legislatures are America’s  
2 laboratories of democracy and have continually shown that they  
3 are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges, and state legislatures  
4 are where people from very different backgrounds, representing  
5 very different communities, can come together and find common  
6 ground; and

7 WHEREAS, NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas,  
8 provided critical research and information, and encouraged a  
9 rigorous review of complex issues confronting our communities,  
10 our states, and the nation, and strives to strengthen the bonds  
11 between America’s state legislatures and the international  
12 community; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes and commends  
15 the NCSL for their 50 years of outstanding leadership and  
16 commitment to the legislative institution; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 29, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 58 (Sharp-Collins) – As Introduced March 24, 2025

**SUBJECT:** National Conference of State Legislatures.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes and commends the National Conference of State Legislatures for their 50 years of outstanding leadership and commitment to the legislative institution. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in 1975, and has evolved during the past half-century to become the premier organization solely dedicated to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff.
- 2) NCSL was created from the merger of three organizations that served or represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that legislative service is one of democracy's worthiest pursuits.
- 3) NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three objectives: to advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures; to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure to the states a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.
- 4) Our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy and have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges, and state legislatures are where people from very different backgrounds, representing very different communities, can come together and find common ground.
- 5) NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting our communities, our states, and the nation, and strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and the international community.

**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. 70**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Pellerin**  
**(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Berman and Ramos)**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chen, Connolly, Mark González,**  
**Pacheco, Blanca Rubio, and Schiavo)**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Choi, Gonzalez, Ochoa Bogh, Umberg, and**  
**Valladares)**

April 24, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 70, as introduced, Pellerin. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, September is known nationally as “Suicide
- 2 Prevention Awareness Month” to raise the visibility of the mental
- 3 health resources and suicide prevention service available in our
- 4 community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Suicide is a serious public health problem that
- 6 affects individuals, families, and communities across California;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, The goal is to speak openly about the importance
- 9 of mental health and the impacts of suicide to help remove the



1 surrounding stigmas, and to direct those in need to the appropriate  
2 support services; and  
3 WHEREAS, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of  
4 age, gender, race, sexual orientation, income level, religion, or  
5 background; and  
6 WHEREAS, According to the American Foundation for Suicide  
7 Prevention (AFSP), suicide is the second leading cause of death  
8 among adults 25 to 34 years of age, inclusive, the second leading  
9 cause of death among Native American youth 10 to 20 years of  
10 age, inclusive, and the third leading cause of death among  
11 individuals 10 to 24 years of age, inclusive, in California; and  
12 WHEREAS, Four thousand three hundred twelve people died  
13 by suicide in California in 2022, which, according to the federal  
14 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was more than twice  
15 the number of homicides; and  
16 WHEREAS, In 2023, there was an average of 134 suicides per  
17 day in the United States, which is one every 10 minutes; and  
18 WHEREAS, In 2022, 49,476 Americans died by suicide, 68  
19 percent of which were White males; and  
20 WHEREAS, The overall suicide rate in California is 10.5 per  
21 100,000 people, the highest county rate is in the County of Shasta  
22 at 24.9, and the lowest rate is in the County of Imperial at 5.8; and  
23 WHEREAS, Suicide rates vary significantly across different  
24 racial and ethnic groups. The rates per 100,000 people are: 15.6  
25 for White individuals, 13.4 for American Indian or Alaska Native  
26 individuals; 7.0 for Black individuals, 6.4 for Hispanic or Latino  
27 individuals, and 5.0 for Asian individuals; and  
28 WHEREAS, Firearms were used in one out of three of those  
29 suicide deaths; and  
30 WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ youth were almost five times as likely  
31 to have attempted suicide compared to heterosexual youth, 54  
32 percent of transgender and nonbinary youth in California  
33 considered suicide, and 19 percent of transgender and nonbinary  
34 youth attempted suicide in the past year; and  
35 WHEREAS, In 2021, 12,300,000 American adults seriously  
36 thought about suicide, 3,500,000 made a plan, and 1,700,000  
37 attempted suicide; and  
38 WHEREAS, More than 76 percent of communities in California  
39 did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in  
40 2021, according to federal guidelines; and

1 WHEREAS, Since its launch in July 2022, the 988 suicide  
2 prevention lifeline has experienced a notable increase in utilization,  
3 reflecting both heightened awareness and demand for mental health  
4 support services; and

5 WHEREAS, In May 2023, California’s 13 crisis centers  
6 responded to approximately 37,800 contacts, including calls, text  
7 messages, and chats, marking a 28-percent increase compared to  
8 the same period the previous year before the 988 launch; and

9 WHEREAS, Anyone can call or text 988, 24 hours per day, 7  
10 days per week, 365 days per year, to receive support when  
11 experiencing a suicidal, mental health, or substance use-related  
12 crisis; and

13 WHEREAS, Suicide is preventable so if you recognize the signs  
14 that someone may be suicidal, find the words to speak to them,  
15 and direct them to resources; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the national,  
17 state, and local organizations, including the AFSP, National  
18 Alliance on Mental Illness, National Institute of Mental Health,  
19 Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide, The Trevor Project,  
20 the State Department of Health Care Services, and county  
21 departments of behavioral health, are on the front lines of a war  
22 that many still refuse to discuss, as suicide and mental health  
23 remain too uncomfortable for many to talk about; and

24 WHEREAS, It may be beneficial to focus prevention programs  
25 and resources on vulnerable populations who are most at risk of  
26 suicide, including White males, LGBTQIA+ individuals,  
27 particularly transgender individuals, youth, veterans and military  
28 personnel, Native Americans, rural and underserved populations,  
29 and Black Californians who have seen an increased rate of suicide;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Other risk factors can also identify groups who  
32 may need support, such as older adults with physical health  
33 problems, individuals with alcohol or substance abuse problems,  
34 individuals with a history of suicidal thoughts or plans, and  
35 individuals in crisis; and

36 WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is a time to  
37 raise awareness of this stigmatized public health crisis in California.  
38 The Legislature wants to shift public perception, spread hope, and  
39 share vital information to people affected by suicide during this  
40 month; and

1 WHEREAS, California’s goal is to ensure that individuals,  
2 friends, and families have access to the resources they need to  
3 discuss suicide prevention and to seek help; and

4 WHEREAS, The Legislature encourages all California residents  
5 to take the time to ask about the well-being of their family, friends,  
6 and neighbors on a consistent basis and to genuinely convey their  
7 appreciation for their existence by any gesture they think  
8 appropriate, including a simple telephone call, message, handshake,  
9 or hug, which can go a long way toward helping someone realize  
10 that suicide is not the answer; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
12 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
13 month of September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month;  
14 and be it further

15 *Resolved,* That the people of California are encouraged to take  
16 the time to understand the importance of mental health, recognize  
17 the warning signs of suicide, and support those who may be  
18 struggling with mental health issues; and be it further

19 *Resolved,* That Californians are urged to participate in activities  
20 and initiatives that promote awareness, education, and support for  
21 suicide prevention; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 29, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 70 (Pellerin) – As Introduced April 24, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) September is known nationally as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month to raise the visibility of the mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in our community. The goal is to speak openly about the importance of mental health and the impacts of suicide to help remove the surrounding stigmas, and to direct those in need to the appropriate support services.
- 2) According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), suicide is the second leading cause of death among adults 25 to 34 years of age, inclusive; the second leading cause of death among Native American youth 10 to 20 years of age, inclusive; and, the third leading cause of death among individuals 10 to 24 years of age, inclusive, in California.
- 3) In 2021, 12.3 million American adults seriously thought about suicide, 3.5 million made a plan, and 1.7 million attempted suicide. In 2023, there was an average of 134 suicides per day in the United States, which is one every 10 minutes.
- 4) LGBTQIA+ youth are almost five times as likely to have attempted suicide compared to heterosexual youth, 54 percent of transgender and nonbinary youth in California considered suicide, and 19 percent of transgender and nonbinary youth attempted suicide in the past year.
- 5) More than 76 percent of communities in California did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2021, according to federal guidelines.
- 6) Since its launch in July 2022, the 988 suicide prevention lifeline has experienced a notable increase in utilization, reflecting both heightened awareness and demand for mental health support services. In May 2023, California's 13 crisis centers responded to approximately 37,800 contacts, including calls, text messages, and chats, marking a 28-percent increase compared to the same period the previous year before the 988 launch.
- 7) Anyone can call or text 988, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year, to receive support when experiencing a suicidal, mental health, or substance use-related crisis.
- 8) The State of California recognizes the national, state, and local organizations, including the AFSP, National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Institute of Mental Health, Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide, The Trevor Project, the State Department of Health Care Services, and county departments of behavioral health, that are on the front lines of a war that many still refuse to discuss, as suicide and mental health remain too uncomfortable for many to talk about.

- 9) Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness of this stigmatized public health crisis in California. The Legislature wants to shift public perception, spread hope, and share vital information to people affected by suicide during this month.
- 10) California's goal is to ensure that individuals, friends, and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help.

**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. 87**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen**

May 14, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 87—Relative to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 87, as introduced, Nguyen. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a  
2     progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in  
3     the brain and the spinal cord; and  
4     WHEREAS, The life expectancy for an individual with ALS is  
5     between two and five years after the date on which the individual  
6     receives an ALS diagnosis; and  
7     WHEREAS, ALS occurs throughout the world, with no racial,  
8     ethnic, gender, or socioeconomic boundaries; and  
9     WHEREAS, Approximately 2,400 Californians are afflicted  
10    with ALS at any time; and  
11    WHEREAS, The cause of ALS is unknown in up to 90 percent  
12    of cases; and  
13    WHEREAS, Approximately 10 percent of cases have a strong  
14    known genetic driver; and

1 WHEREAS, On average, the period between the date an  
2 individual first experiences symptoms of ALS and the date the  
3 individual is diagnosed with ALS is more than one year; and

4 WHEREAS, The onset of ALS often involves muscle weakness  
5 or stiffness and the progression of ALS results in the further  
6 weakening, wasting, and paralysis of the muscles of the limbs and  
7 trunk and the muscles that control vital functions, such as speech,  
8 swallowing, and breathing; and

9 WHEREAS, ALS can strike individuals of any age, but  
10 predominantly strikes adults; and

11 WHEREAS, It is estimated that tens of thousands of individuals  
12 in the United States have ALS at any given time; and

13 WHEREAS, Based on studies of the population, slightly more  
14 than 5,600 individuals are diagnosed with ALS each year, and  
15 approximately 15 individuals are diagnosed with ALS each day,  
16 in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Between 2015 and 2040, the number of ALS cases  
18 around the world is expected to increase by nearly 70 percent; and

19 WHEREAS, The majority of individuals with ALS die of  
20 respiratory failure; and

21 WHEREAS, In the United States, military veterans are  
22 significantly more likely to be diagnosed with ALS than the general  
23 public; and

24 WHEREAS, As of the date of introduction of this resolution,  
25 there is no cure for ALS; and

26 WHEREAS, The spouses, children, and family members of  
27 individuals living with ALS support these individuals with love,  
28 day-to-day care, and more; and

29 WHEREAS, An individual with ALS or their caregivers can be  
30 required to bear significant costs for medical care, equipment, and  
31 home care services as the disease progresses; now, therefore, be  
32 it resolved

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
35 hereby proclaims May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis  
36 Awareness Month in California; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Legislature affirms its dedication to (1)  
38 ensuring that individuals with ALS have access to effective  
39 treatments as soon as possible, (2) identifying the risk factors and  
40 causes of ALS to prevent new cases, (3) empowering individuals

1 with ALS to engage with the world in the way they want, (4)  
2 reducing the physical, emotional, and financial burdens of living  
3 with ALS, and (5) ensuring all individuals with ALS and their  
4 caregivers receive high quality services and supports that benefit  
5 them; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends the dedication of the  
7 family, caregivers, friends, organizations, volunteers, researchers,  
8 providers, and caregiving professionals across the nation that are  
9 working to improve the quality and length of life for those living  
10 with ALS and the development of treatments and cures that reach  
11 patients as soon as possible; 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.

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Date of Hearing: May 29, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 87 (Nguyen) – As Introduced May 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. The life expectancy for an individual with ALS is between two and five years after the date on which the individual receives an ALS diagnosis.
- 2) ALS occurs throughout the world, with no racial, ethnic, gender, or socioeconomic boundaries. The cause of ALS is unknown in up to 90 percent of cases and approximately 10 percent of cases have a strong known genetic driver.
- 3) It is estimated that tens of thousands of individuals in the United States have ALS at any given time. Approximately 2,400 Californians are afflicted with ALS at any time.
- 4) The onset of ALS often involves muscle weakness or stiffness, and the progression of ALS results in the further weakening, wasting, and paralysis of the muscles of the limbs and trunk and the muscles that control vital functions, such as speech, swallowing, and breathing.
- 5) Based on studies of the population, slightly more than 5,600 individuals are diagnosed with ALS each year, and approximately 15 individuals are diagnosed with ALS each day, in the United States. Between 2015 and 2040, the number of ALS cases around the world is expected to increase by nearly 70 percent.
- 6) The Legislature commends the dedication of the family, caregivers, friends, organizations, volunteers, researchers, providers, and caregiving professionals across the nation that are working to improve the quality and length of life for those living with ALS and the development of treatments and cures that reach patients as soon as possible.

**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. 88**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jeff Gonzalez**

May 14, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 88—Relative to Men’s Mental Health Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 88, as introduced, Jeff Gonzalez. Men’s Mental Health Month. This measure would proclaim the month of June 2025 to be Men’s Mental Health Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Mental health is a critical component of overall  
2 well-being, affecting emotional, psychological, and social health;  
3 and  
4 WHEREAS, Men’s mental health remains a significant public  
5 health concern, with men being less likely to seek mental health  
6 support due to stigma, societal expectations, and lack of awareness;  
7 and  
8 WHEREAS, According to the National Institute of Mental  
9 Health, men are at a higher risk for mental health conditions  
10 including depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders, yet  
11 often men face barriers to seeking treatment; and  
12 WHEREAS, Suicide rates among men remain disproportionately  
13 high, with data from the Centers for Disease Control and  
14 Prevention showing that men die by suicide at a rate nearly four  
15 times higher than those of the opposite gender; and

1 WHEREAS, Fostering open discussions about mental health,  
2 promoting access to mental health resources, and encouraging men  
3 to seek help when needed are essential steps toward improving  
4 well-being and preventing crises; and  
5 WHEREAS, Recognizing June as Men’s Mental Health Month  
6 in California will help raise awareness, reduce stigma, and  
7 encourage policy initiatives that prioritize mental health services  
8 for men; and  
9 WHEREAS, Various organizations, including mental health  
10 advocates, health care providers, and community groups, are  
11 committed to supporting men’s mental health through outreach,  
12 education, and services; now, therefore, be it  
13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
15 hereby declares the month of June 2025 to be Men’s Mental Health  
16 Month to raise awareness, promote mental well-being, and  
17 encourage men to seek the support they need without stigma or  
18 barriers; and be it further  
19 *Resolved*, That the State of California urges state agencies,  
20 community organizations, and health care providers to collaborate  
21 on initiatives, programs, and educational campaigns that support  
22 men’s mental health; and be it further  
23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the Governor of California, and that copies be  
25 made available to the public to further the awareness and  
26 importance of men’s mental health.

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Date of Hearing: May 29, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 88 (Jeff Gonzalez) – As Introduced May 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Men’s Mental Health Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of June 2025 to be Men’s Mental Health Month to raise awareness, promote mental well-being, and encourage men to seek the support they need without stigma or barriers. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mental health is a critical component of overall well-being, affecting emotional, psychological, and social health. Men’s mental health remains a significant public health concern, with men being less likely to seek mental health support due to stigma, societal expectations, and lack of awareness.
- 2) According to the National Institute of Mental Health, men are at a higher risk for mental health conditions including depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders, yet often men face barriers to seeking treatment.
- 3) Suicide rates among men remain disproportionately high, with data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showing that men die by suicide at a rate nearly four times higher than those of the opposite gender.
- 4) Fostering open discussions about mental health, promoting access to mental health resources, and encouraging men to seek help when needed are essential steps toward improving well-being and preventing crises.
- 5) Various organizations, including mental health advocates, health care providers, and community groups, are committed to supporting men’s mental health through outreach, education, and services.
- 6) Recognizing June as Men’s Mental Health Month in California will help raise awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage policy initiatives that prioritize mental health services for men.

**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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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 91**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Macedo)  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Stern)**

May 23, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 91—Relative to Portuguese Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 91, as introduced, Aguiar-Curry. Portuguese Heritage Month: Day of Portugal: Day of the Azores.

This measure would declare the month of June 2025 to be Portuguese Heritage Month and would recognize June 10 as the Day of Portugal and April 18 as the Day of the Azores.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Portuguese presence in California predates the  
2 establishment of California as a State in the Union; and  
3 WHEREAS, The first Portuguese settlers came to California  
4 from the Azores Islands in the early 19th century. Waves of  
5 Azorean immigrants moved to California just before and during  
6 the 20th century, with the first wave of Azorean immigrants  
7 moving to California just before and after the turn of the 20th  
8 century, followed by the second and largest wave between 1958  
9 and 1976, each contributing substantially to establishing  
10 agricultural operations, especially dairy, livestock, vegetable, fruit  
11 farms, and the tuna industry in southern California; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout most of the 20th century, as many as  
2 one-half of all Portuguese Californians owned or operated a dairy  
3 farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-related industry.  
4 Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and thriftiness, along  
5 with additional labor from family members, Portuguese settlers  
6 could earn enough to reinvest in their businesses, and buy more  
7 land and cattle. Still today, Portuguese Americans in California  
8 continue to play an important role in agriculture and dairying, as  
9 proprietors and innovators; and

10 WHEREAS, Historically, California has been a popular  
11 destination for immigrants from the Azores Islands, creating strong  
12 cultural ties between the two regions; currently there are more than  
13 350,000 persons of Portuguese heritage living in California,  
14 approximately 90 percent of whom have either come directly from  
15 the Azores Islands or are of Azorean ancestry; and

16 WHEREAS, In early 1855, the Old Company of Portuguese  
17 Whalers, a 15-member enterprise, was owned and operated by  
18 Azoreans in the City of Monterey, and, in the City of San Diego,  
19 Portuguese immigrants, mostly from the islands of the Azores and  
20 Madeira, had a prominent position in the tuna industry; and

21 WHEREAS, The Portuguese fraternal movement has played a  
22 role in the financial and cultural stability of the community, led  
23 today by two societies, the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America  
24 and the Luso-American Fraternal Federation, with headquarters  
25 in this state; and

26 WHEREAS, Portuguese language courses taught at community  
27 heritage schools, public elementary and high schools, community  
28 colleges, the California State University system, University of  
29 California campuses, and private colleges build cognizance of the  
30 importance of the Portuguese language as a world language and  
31 awareness to the contributions that Californians of Portuguese  
32 ancestry have given this state, as well as building exchanges with  
33 colleges and universities in Portugal, including the recently created  
34 Portuguese Beyond Borders Institute at the California State  
35 University, Fresno, with its new approach to conferences, oral  
36 history, research, academic publications, symposiums, exchange  
37 programs in agriculture, and community outreach, including the  
38 only Azorean Diaspora Center in the CSU system; and

39 WHEREAS, Californians of Portuguese ancestry came together  
40 in 2016 to create the California Portuguese American Coalition

1 sponsored by the Luso-American Development Foundation to  
2 create a network of public servants of Portuguese ancestry and  
3 elected officials who represent areas where Californians of  
4 Portuguese ancestry live and contribute to our rich diversity and  
5 to encourage young Portuguese Americans to participate in our  
6 democracy through public service; and

7 WHEREAS, In March of 2018, Californians of Portuguese  
8 ancestry created the only strategic plan in the United States to  
9 teach the Portuguese language and cultures in California public  
10 and private schools, colleges, and universities in order to contribute  
11 to the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of our state and to foster  
12 a deeper connection to, and increase economic opportunities  
13 between, California and all the Portuguese-speaking countries  
14 throughout the world; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of California has a sister state relationship  
16 with the Autonomous Region of the Azores, adopted in 2002, and  
17 recently revised by working with a Friends of the Azores group  
18 to bring further development in not only cultural exchanges, but  
19 also in important areas such as renewable energy, sustainable  
20 agriculture, tourism, and technology; and

21 WHEREAS, Among the great Portuguese Americans who have  
22 contributed significantly to this country are: composer John Philip  
23 Sousa, best known for composing “Stars and Stripes Forever”;  
24 poet Emma Lazarus, best known for composing a sonnet about  
25 the Statue of Liberty, “The New Colossus”; and architect William  
26 L. Pereira, best known for designing the Transamerica Pyramid  
27 in San Francisco. Many Portuguese Americans have also served  
28 with distinction in local, state, and federal office, and have served  
29 proudly in this country’s military; and

30 WHEREAS, Portuguese Americans have made valuable and  
31 substantial contributions to every facet of California life including  
32 the entertainment industry, the most notable of whom are Mary  
33 Astor, Katy Perry, Tom Hanks, Joe Perry, Nuno Bettencourt, Steve  
34 Perry, and Sara Bareilles; and

35 WHEREAS, The Portuguese community press, through radio,  
36 newspaper, and television, have been important vehicles in  
37 maintaining the Portuguese American experience in California,  
38 serving as bridges to our multicultural state, currently through the  
39 Tribuna Portuguesa, the only bilingual Portuguese newspaper in  
40 the western United States; and

1 WHEREAS, The Portuguese Heritage Society of California  
2 built the Portuguese Historical Museum to serve as a center for  
3 the display of Portuguese heritage and culture, and the Portuguese  
4 Heritage Publications of California, through book publications,  
5 have recorded Portuguese contributions to this state in various  
6 facets; and

7 WHEREAS, The Portuguese Holy Ghost Festival and other  
8 religious and cultural festivals are an important part of the  
9 communities in which they are held, bringing communities together  
10 and preserving and disseminating in mainstream California the  
11 rich traditions of a proud people who are completely integrated  
12 into Californian society; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the month  
15 of June 2025 to be Portuguese Heritage Month and recognizes  
16 June 10 as the Day of Portugal and April 18 as the Day of the  
17 Azores; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 29, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 91 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced May 23, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Portuguese Heritage Month: Day of Portugal: Day of the Azores.

**SUMMARY:** As proposed to be amended by the author, declares the month of June 2025 to be Portuguese Heritage Month, and recognizes June 10 as the Day of Portugal and June 9 as the Day of the Azores. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first Portuguese settlers came to California from the Azores Islands in the early 19th century. The first wave of Azorean immigrants moved to California just before and after the turn of the 20th century, followed by the second and largest wave between 1958 and 1976, each contributing substantially to setting up agricultural operations, especially dairy, livestock, vegetable, fruit farms, and the tuna industry in southern California.
- 2) Throughout most of the 20th century, as many as one-half of all Portuguese Californians owned or operated a dairy farm, worked on a dairy farm, or worked in a dairy-related industry. Applying the Portuguese belief in hard work and thriftiness, along with additional labor from family members, Portuguese settlers could earn enough to reinvest in their businesses, and buy more land and cattle. Still today, Portuguese Americans in California continue to play an important role in agriculture and dairying, as proprietors and innovators.
- 3) Historically, California has been a popular destination for immigrants from the Azores Islands, creating strong cultural ties between the two regions; currently, there are more than 350,000 persons of Portuguese heritage living in California, approximately 90 percent of whom have either come directly from the Azores Islands or are of Azorean ancestry.
- 4) Californians of Portuguese ancestry came together in 2016 to create the California Portuguese American Coalition, sponsored by the Luso-American Development Foundation, to create a network of public servants of Portuguese ancestry and elected officials who represent areas where Californians of Portuguese ancestry live and contribute to our rich diversity, and to encourage young Portuguese Americans to participate in our democracy through public service.
- 5) In March of 2018, Californians of Portuguese ancestry created the only strategic plan in the United States to teach the Portuguese language and cultures in California public and private schools, colleges, and universities in order to contribute to the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of our state and to foster a deeper connection to, and increase economic opportunities between, California and all the Portuguese-speaking countries throughout the world.
- 6) Portuguese Americans have made valuable and substantial contributions to every facet of California life including the entertainment industry, the most notable of whom are Mary Astor, Katy Perry, Tom Hanks, Joe Perry, Nuno Bettencourt, Steve Perry, and James Franco.
- 7) The Portuguese community press, through radio, newspaper, and television, have been important vehicles in maintaining the Portuguese American experience in California, serving

as bridges to our multicultural state, currently through the Tribuna Portuguesa, the only bilingual Portuguese newspaper in the western United States.

- 8) The Portuguese Heritage Society of California built the Portuguese Historical Museum to serve as a center for the display of Portuguese heritage and culture, and the Portuguese Heritage Publications of California, through book publications, have recorded Portuguese contributions to this state in various facets.
- 9) The Portuguese Holy Ghost Festival and other religious and cultural festivals are an important part of the communities in which they are held, bringing communities together and preserving and disseminating in mainstream California the rich traditions of a proud people who are completely integrated into Californian society.

**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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