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Monday, August 19, 2019  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 3162

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 8/16/19  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

08/19/2019

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACR 126</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 127</u>	TRANS.
<u>ACR 128</u>	TRANS.
<u>HR 57</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 62</u>	TRANS.

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 117**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Eduardo Garcia, Lackey, and  
Mayes**

August 12, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 117—Relative to Gang Awareness and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 117, as introduced, Eduardo Garcia. Gang Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of January 2020 as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month in the State of California and would encourage cities and constituents across the state to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to prevent future gang activity and honor those who lost their lives due to gang activity.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Gang violence is responsible for an average of  
2 2,000 gang-related homicides each year, according to 2007 to 2012  
3 data from the National Youth Gang Center, which causes a concern  
4 for Californians everywhere; and

5 WHEREAS, The solution to gang violence is found in the  
6 acknowledgment that gangs exist, pose a real and present danger  
7 to public safety, ruin lives, destroy families, target youth who are  
8 vulnerable, and can take the lives of innocent victims unaffiliated  
9 with gang activity; and

10 WHEREAS, Californians everywhere must work together to  
11 ensure first responders do not have to respond to crime scenes and

1 dying victims in dangerous surroundings where they can become  
2 the next target; and

3 WHEREAS, Local communities need to learn and understand  
4 that gang affiliation and activity is preventable. The solution to  
5 gang violence is within every Californian. Californians have the  
6 will, courage, and inner strength to stand up to their moral  
7 obligation as citizens of their community to help by deterring youth  
8 and their families from violence by educating them how to form  
9 stronger family bonds. Everyone has the potential leadership skills,  
10 creativity, and determination to guide those communities that have  
11 been afflicted with generations of gang culture to an alternative  
12 path by partnering with youth gang intervention programs that  
13 would create change for the betterment of their future and in the  
14 fight for a gang-free community; and

15 WHEREAS, The Mothers & Men Against Gangs Coalition  
16 (MAG Coalition) is an example of an organization formed to  
17 prevent gang activity by providing awareness to diminish gang  
18 violence throughout the State of California; and

19 WHEREAS, MAG Coalition was founded in January 2013 by  
20 the Garza family and the community of a young innocent teenager,  
21 Martin Alberto Garza, who lost his life due to senseless gang  
22 violence but whose legacy is changing lives; and

23 WHEREAS, It is essential to continue to work together by  
24 actively organizing events to prevent gang violence and to  
25 encourage entities to be involved in gang prevention education  
26 that can influence the youth through outreach presentations,  
27 teaching the principles of nonviolence, establish programs that  
28 will have continuity as times change, and organize events in order  
29 to help diminish the number of gang-related crimes and deaths;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Californians realize it is evident that prevention  
32 efforts add immeasurably to the health and safety of their  
33 communities and should be encouraged and supported by all  
34 essential community groups. Californians everywhere will stand  
35 together and honor those who have lost their lives due to gang  
36 activity, use their legacy to bond together, use their story to voice  
37 awareness, and ultimately create a paradigm shift in the minds of  
38 their youth and their families. Each Californian has a right to live  
39 in a safe gang-free neighborhood without fearing for his or her life  
40 or his or her family members' lives. Concerned parents, youth,

1 community groups, businesses, churches, and educators should  
2 accept this challenge to stop gangs by building a better future for  
3 their children and for the nation and protect the right to live safe  
4 and free; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of California expresses its strong public  
6 support for all gang awareness and prevention efforts underway  
7 across the state and appreciates the work being done by groups  
8 and individuals to rid their communities of gangs and change lives  
9 by advocating for safer communities and fostering gang prevention  
10 efforts; and

11 WHEREAS, Gang Awareness and Prevention Month is an initial  
12 step to rid our communities of gangs, change lives, and teach  
13 students how to organize peacefully like the leader Dr. Martin  
14 Luther King, Jr.; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
17 month of January 2020 as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month  
18 in the State of California; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages cities and constituents  
20 across the state to observe the month with appropriate programs,  
21 ceremonies, and activities to prevent future gang activity and honor  
22 those who lost their lives due to gang activity; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 19, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 117 (Eduardo Garcia) – As Introduced August 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Gang Awareness and Prevention Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates January 2020 as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month in California and encourages cities and constituents across the state to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to prevent future gang activity and honor those who lost their lives due to gang activity. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Gang violence is responsible for an average of 2,000 gang-related homicides each year, according to data from the National Youth Gang Center, which causes a concern for Californians everywhere.
- 2) Californians must work together to ensure first responders do not have to respond to crime scenes and dying victims in dangerous surroundings where they can become the next target.
- 3) Local communities need to learn and understand that gang affiliation and activity is preventable. The solution to gang violence is within every Californian. Californians have the will, courage, and inner strength to stand up to their moral obligation as citizens of their community to help by deterring youth and their families from violence by educating them how to form stronger family bonds.
- 4) The Mothers & Men Against Gangs Coalition (MAG Coalition) is an example of an organization formed to prevent gang activity by providing awareness to diminish gang violence throughout the State of California.
- 5) It is essential to continue to work together by actively organizing events to prevent gang violence and to encourage entities to be involved in gang prevention education that can influence the youth through outreach presentations, teaching the principles of nonviolence, establish programs that will have continuity as times change, and organize events in order to help diminish the number of gang-related crimes and deaths.
- 6) The State of California expresses its strong public support for all gang awareness and prevention efforts underway across the state and appreciates the work being done by groups and individuals to rid their communities of gangs and change lives by advocating for safer communities and fostering gang prevention efforts.
- 7) Gang Awareness and Prevention Month is an initial step to rid our communities of gangs, change lives, and teach students how to organize peacefully like the leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 118**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wicks**

August 12, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to National Health Center Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 118, as introduced, Wicks. National Health Center Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of August 4 to August 10, 2019, as National Health Center Week, and would encourage Californians to take part in this week by visiting their local Health Center and celebrating the important partnership between California’s Health Centers and the communities they serve.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Community Health Centers  
2 have provided high-quality and affordable comprehensive primary  
3 and preventive health care in our nation’s underserved  
4 communities, and deliver value to, and have a significant impact  
5 on, America’s health care system; and  
6 WHEREAS, As the country’s largest primary care network,  
7 Health Centers are the health care home for 28 million Americans  
8 in over 11,000 communities across the nation. One in 12 people  
9 in the United States receive their care in a community health center,  
10 and one out of 6 Californians are served by community health  
11 centers; and  
12 WHEREAS, Health Centers are a critical element of the health  
13 system, serving a diverse population, including both rural and

1 urban populations, and often provide the only accessible and  
2 dependable source of culturally competent primary care in their  
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Every day, Health Centers develop new approaches  
5 to integrate a wide range of services beyond primary care, including  
6 oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to  
7 meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Health Centers are governed by patient-majority  
9 boards, thereby ensuring that the patients of each Health Center  
10 are engaged in their own health care decisions; and

11 WHEREAS, Health Centers are locally owned and operated  
12 small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, and Health  
13 Centers power local economies by generating \$45.6 billion in  
14 economic impact in some of the country's most economically  
15 deprived communities. That is more than \$5 billion in California  
16 alone; and

17 WHEREAS, Health Centers nationally employ more than  
18 220,000 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician  
19 assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of  
20 multidisciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient.  
21 In California, that equates to over 33,000 people employed by a  
22 Health Center; and

23 WHEREAS, The Health Center model continues to prove an  
24 effective means of overcoming barriers to health care access,  
25 including geography, income and insurance status, and this model  
26 improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system  
27 costs; and

28 WHEREAS, Health Centers reduce overall costs of care by  
29 helping manage patients' chronic conditions, which keeps patients  
30 out of costlier health care settings, such as hospital emergency  
31 rooms; and

32 WHEREAS, Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging  
33 health care crises, providing access to care for our nation's  
34 veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public  
35 health threats in the wake of natural disasters; and

36 WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity  
37 to recognize America's nearly 1,400 health center organizations  
38 with over 11,000 service delivery sites, their dedicated staff, board  
39 members, patients, and all those responsible for their continued  
40 success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors

1 more than 50 years ago. In California, there are 1,330 individual  
2 health center sites; and

3 WHEREAS, During National Health Center Week, we celebrate  
4 the legacy of America's Health Centers, and their vital role in  
5 shaping the past, present, and future of America's health care  
6 system; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
8 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
9 week of August 4 to August 10, 2019, as National Health Center  
10 Week, and encourages all Californians to take part in this week  
11 by visiting their local Health Center and celebrating the important  
12 partnership between California's Health Centers and the  
13 communities they serve; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 19, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 118 (Wicks) – As Introduced August 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** National Health Center Week.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the week of August 4, 2019, to August 10, 2019, as National Health Center Week and encourages Californians to take part in this week by visiting their local health center. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) For over 50 years, community health centers have provided high-quality and affordable comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's underserved communities, and deliver value to, and have a significant impact on, America's health care system.
- 2) As the country's largest primary care network, health centers are the health care home for 28 million Americans in over 11,000 communities across the nation. One in 12 people in the United States and one out of every six Californians are served by community health centers.
- 3) Health centers are a critical element of the health system, including both rural and urban populations, and often provide the only accessible and dependable source of culturally competent primary care in their communities.
- 4) Every day, health centers develop new approaches to integrate a wide range of services beyond primary care, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities, including oral health, vision care, behavioral health, and pharmacy services.
- 5) Health centers are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients of each health center are engaged in their own health care decisions; and, health centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating \$45.6 billion in economic impact in some of the country's most economically deprived communities, including more than \$5 billion in California alone.
- 6) Nationally, health centers employ more than 220,000 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of multidisciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient. In California, that equates to over 33,000 people employed by a health center.
- 7) Health centers reduce overall costs of care by helping manage patients' chronic conditions, keeping patients out of more costly health care settings like hospital emergency rooms; and, centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters.
- 8) National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's nearly 1,400 health center organizations with over 11,000 service delivery sites, their dedicated staff,

board members, patients, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago.

- 9) During National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's health centers and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of America's health care system.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 126**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein**

August 15, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 126—Relative to family law.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 126, as introduced, Maienschein. Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

This bill would declare November 2019 as Court Adoption and Permanency Month, and would encourage the courts and their communities to join in activities to promote permanency.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Consistent with its commitment to support practices  
2 and procedures that promote access to justice and improved case  
3 outcomes for California's children and families, the Judicial  
4 Council has recognized November as Court Adoption and  
5 Permanency Month every year since 1999; and

6 WHEREAS, 490,000 incidents of child abuse and neglect are  
7 reported each year in California, compared with more than 430,000  
8 reports 20 years ago. Approximately 21,000 children enter child  
9 welfare-supervised foster care for the first time, compared to 27,000  
10 children 20 years ago; and

11 WHEREAS, The number of foster children in California living  
12 apart from their families in child welfare-supervised out-of-home  
13 care has decreased by 44 percent in the last 20 years. The number  
14 of children exiting foster care into a permanent home has increased

1 by 10 percent in the same time period, including a 57-percent  
2 increase in the number of those being adopted; and  
3 WHEREAS, Forty percent of the children in foster care in  
4 California still live apart from their families for two or more years;  
5 and  
6 WHEREAS, 3,300 foster children are placed in congregate care  
7 rather than with relatives or in home-like settings; and  
8 WHEREAS, The percentage of foster children over 10 years of  
9 age who exit foster care through adoption remains at only 25  
10 percent; and  
11 WHEREAS, While progress has been made, much work is still  
12 needed to improve the lives of children and families in the child  
13 welfare system; and  
14 WHEREAS, Local courts and communities throughout  
15 California have created programs promoting permanency that have  
16 resulted in a reduction in the number of children waiting to live in  
17 safe, stable, and permanent homes; and  
18 WHEREAS, The Judicial Council remains committed to working  
19 with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and  
20 communities to ensure that every abused or neglected child finds  
21 a safe, stable, and permanent home with a loving family as quickly  
22 as possible; now, therefore, be it  
23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares November 2019  
25 as Court Adoption and Permanency Month, and encourages the  
26 courts and their communities to join in activities to promote  
27 permanency; and be it further  
28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: August 19, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 126 (Maienschein) – As Introduced August 15, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares November 2019 as Court Adoption and Permanency Month and encourages the courts and their communities to join in activities to promote permanency. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Each year in California, 490,000 incidents of child abuse and neglect are reported, compared with more than 430,000 reports 20 years ago. Approximately 21,000 children enter child welfare-supervised foster care for the first time, compared to 27,000 children 20 years ago.
- 2) The number of foster children in California living apart from their families in child welfare-supervised out-of-home care has decreased by 44 percent in the last 20 years. The number of children exiting foster care into a permanent home has increased by 10 percent in the same time period, including a 57-percent increase in the number of those being adopted.
- 3) Forty percent of the children in foster care in California still live apart from their families for two or more years; and, 3,300 foster children are placed in congregate care rather than with relatives or in home-like settings.
- 4) The percentage of foster children over 10 years of age who exit foster care through adoption remains at only 25 percent; and, while progress has been made, much work is still needed to improve the lives of children and families in the child welfare system.
- 5) Local courts and communities throughout California have created programs promoting permanency that have resulted in a reduction in the number of children waiting to live in safe, stable, and permanent homes.
- 6) The Judicial Council remains committed to working with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and communities to ensure that every abused or neglected child finds a safe, stable, and permanent home with a loving family as quickly as possible.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**House Resolution**

**No. 51**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Weber  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Burke, Cooper, Gipson, Holden,  
Jones-Sawyer, Kamlager-Dove, and McCarty)**

August 12, 2019

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House Resolution No. 51—Relative to Black Women’s Equal Pay Day.

1       WHEREAS, More than half a century after the passage of the  
2 federal Equal Pay Act of 1963, women still struggle to receive  
3 equal pay for equal work. Women earn only 80 cents to every  
4 dollar a man earns; and  
5       WHEREAS, Equal Pay Day on April 2 marks the time when  
6 women, on average, catch up to the wages paid to men from the  
7 previous year; however, women of color suffer the greatest  
8 consequences from pay discrimination; and  
9       WHEREAS, African American women earn about 61 cents on  
10 the dollar; therefore, they must work eight additional months to  
11 catch up with the amount that men made the previous year; and  
12       WHEREAS, These wage disparities exist for many reasons,  
13 including gender and racial discrimination, workplace harassment,  
14 and a lack of workplace policies that support family caregiving,  
15 which all too often falls on women; and  
16       WHEREAS, The wage gap significantly impacts poverty among  
17 African American women and families. More than 80 percent of  
18 Black mothers are breadwinners for their families, and nearly  
19 one-third of those families live below the poverty level; and  
20       WHEREAS, According to a report by the National Partnership  
21 for Women and Families, if the wage gap were eliminated, Black

1 women working full time would have enough money each year to  
2 afford an additional two years of tuition at a four-year public  
3 university, two years of childcare, or 23 months of rent,  
4 approximately; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, millions of African American women and  
6 families are living in poverty and struggling to get by. Their hard  
7 work is devalued simply because of their gender and the color of  
8 their skin; and

9 WHEREAS, A lifetime of lower pay means African American  
10 women have less income to save for their education, housing,  
11 families, and retirement; and

12 WHEREAS, In order to address this persistent problem, both  
13 public and private data gathering is needed so that gaps can be  
14 better identified and addressed; and

15 WHEREAS, As evidenced by the work of the California  
16 Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, equitable pay  
17 policies can be implemented simply and without undue costs or  
18 hardship in both the public and private sectors; and

19 WHEREAS, Fair pay strengthens the financial security of  
20 individuals and families, enhances the economy and reduces the  
21 need for the public safety net; and

22 WHEREAS, Black Women’s Equal Pay Day on August 22  
23 symbolizes the time in 2019 when the wages paid to African  
24 American women catch up to the wages paid to men in 2018; now,  
25 therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
27 *Assembly proclaims Thursday, August 22, 2019, as Black*  
28 *Women’s Equal Pay Day in recognition of the need to eliminate*  
29 *the gender gap in earnings by African American women and to*  
30 *promote policies to ensure equal pay for all; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: August 19, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 51 (Weber) – As Introduced August 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Black Women’s Equal Pay Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims Thursday, August 22, 2019, as Black Women’s Equal Pay Day in recognition of the need to eliminate the gender gap in earnings by African American women and to promote policies to ensure equal pay for all. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than half a century after the passage of the federal Equal Pay Act of 1963, women still struggle to receive equal pay for equal work. Women earn only 80 cents to every dollar a man earns.
- 2) Equal Pay Day on April 2 marks the time when women, on average, catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year; however, women of color suffer the greatest consequences from pay discrimination.
- 3) African American women earn about 61 cents on the dollar; therefore, they must work eight additional months to catch up with the amount that men made the previous year.
- 4) The wage gap significantly impacts poverty among African American women and families. More than 80 percent of Black mothers are breadwinners for their families, and nearly one-third of those families live below the poverty level.
- 5) Today, millions of African American women and families are living in poverty and struggling to get by. Their hard work is devalued simply because of their gender and the color of their skin. A lifetime of lower pay means African American women have less income to save for their education, housing, families, and retirement.
- 6) In order to address this persistent problem, both public and private data gathering is needed so that gaps can be better identified and addressed. According to the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, equitable pay policies can be implemented simply and without undue costs or hardship in both the public and private sectors.
- 7) Black Women’s Equal Pay Day on August 22, 2019 symbolizes the time in 2019 when the wages paid to African American women catch up to the wages paid to men in 2018.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**House Resolution**

**No. 52**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey**

August 12, 2019

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House Resolution No. 52—Relative to We Card Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, California law prohibits the sale of tobacco  
2 products, including smokeless tobacco, and electronic devices that  
3 deliver nicotine or other vaporized liquids, including e-cigarettes,  
4 to persons under 21 years of age; and

5 WHEREAS, We Card Awareness Month is a retail education  
6 and training effort designed to boost California retailers’ awareness  
7 of, and participation in, responsible retailing efforts to comply  
8 with federal, state, and local laws and to identify, prevent, and  
9 deny sales of tobacco and other age-restricted products to minors;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Year 2019 marks the 24th anniversary year  
12 of the national nonprofit organization, The We Card Program, Inc.,  
13 which provides training and education to the retail community to  
14 help retailers comply with age-restricted product laws and serve  
15 their communities as responsible retailers; and

16 WHEREAS, We Card in-store training and education materials,  
17 its online training program, and its mystery shopping service “ID  
18 Check-Up” are available to all California retailers through the We  
19 Card Program internet website; and

20 WHEREAS, California will benefit from a responsible retailing  
21 community that successfully prevents sales of tobacco and other  
22 age-restricted products to minors; and

23 WHEREAS, While some California retailers offer their own  
24 training programs and sting operations, over 50 percent of

1 convenience stores in the State of California are run by  
2 owner-operators of a single store, and they trust and rely on  
3 programs such as We Card to remain in compliance and continue  
4 to be family businesses integral to their local communities; and

5 WHEREAS, A California Department of Public Health study  
6 found that in 2017 convenience stores had a 95-percent success  
7 rate in preventing youth access to age-restricted products, such as  
8 tobacco and alcohol; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the  
10 Assembly proclaims the month of September 2019 to be We Card  
11 Awareness Month; and be it further

12 *Resolved,* That the Assembly encourages all California retailers  
13 to participate in “We Card Awareness Month” and to let their  
14 customers know that “in California, we don’t sell tobacco and  
15 other age-restricted products to kids!”; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 19, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 52 (Lackey) – As Introduced August 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** We Card Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of September 2019 to be We Card Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California law prohibits the sale of tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, and electric devices that deliver nicotine or other vaporized liquids, including e-cigarettes, to person under 21 years of age.
- 2) The year 2019 marks the 24th anniversary year of the national nonprofit organization, The We Card Program, Inc., which provides training and education to the retail community to help retailers comply with age-restricted product laws and serve their communities as responsible retailers.
- 3) We Card Awareness Month is a retail education and training effort designed to boost California retailers' awareness of, and participation in, responsible retailing efforts to comply with federal, state, and local laws and to identify, prevent, and deny sales of tobacco and other age-restricted products to minors.
- 4) We Card in-store training and education materials, its online training program, and its mystery shopping service "ID Check-Up" are available to all California retailers through the We Card Program internet website.
- 5) While some California retailers offer their own training programs and sting operations, over 50 percent of convenience stores in the State of California are run by owner-operators of a single store and they trust and rely on programs such as We Card to remain in compliance and continue to be family businesses integral to their local communities.
- 6) A California Department of Public Health study found that in 2017 convenience stores had a 95 percent success rate in preventing youth access to age-restricted products, such as tobacco and alcohol.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file