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Friday, February 14, 2020  
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:** 2/13/20  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, ACR 166 has been added to the list of referrals and HR 74 has been removed.

## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

02/14/2020

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 1850</u>	L. & E.
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<u>AB 1933</u>	ED.
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<u>AB 2015</u>	JUD.
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<u>AB 2018</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2019</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 2019</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2020</u>	A. & A.R.
<u>AB 2020</u>	JUD.
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<u>AB 2022</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2023</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 2024</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 2025</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2028</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 2029</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 2031</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2033</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 2034</u>	ED.

<u>AB 2035</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 2036</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2036</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2037</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2038</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 2040</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 2041</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 2043</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 2043</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2044</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 2044</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 2045</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 2046</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2047</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 2048</u>	AGING & L.T.C.
<u>AB 2049</u>	INS.
<u>AB 2050</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 2051</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 2051</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2052</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2053</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2054</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 2056</u>	ED.
<u>AB 2058</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 2059</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 2060</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>AB 2061</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 2062</u>	TRANS.
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<u>AB 2064</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 2067</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 2068</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 2069</u>	B. & F.
<u>AB 2069</u>	JUD.
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<u>ACR 166</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 81</u>	RLS.

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 154**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Luz Rivas**

January 27, 2020

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 154, as introduced, Luz Rivas. Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

This measure would proclaim February 20, 2020, as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, February 20, 2020, the third Thursday in February,  
2 is recognized nationally and internationally as Introduce a Girl to  
3 Engineering Day; and  
4 WHEREAS, Women have contributed to the diverse fields of  
5 engineering both historically and currently, yet remain  
6 underrepresented in both education programs and the workforce;  
7 and  
8 WHEREAS, In 1960, less than 1 percent of recorded engineers  
9 were women; and  
10 WHEREAS, The number of women employed in architecture  
11 and engineering had risen to 14 percent by 2011; and  
12 WHEREAS, Women account for only one-fifth of bachelor’s  
13 degrees, one-quarter of master’s degrees, and nearly one-quarter  
14 of doctorates in engineering; and

1 WHEREAS, Female science, technology, engineering, and  
2 mathematics (STEM) graduates earn less than their male  
3 counterparts; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the 2015 results of the Program for  
5 International Student Assessment, one in 20 boys, but less than  
6 one in 200 girls, expect a career in information and computer  
7 technologies; and

8 WHEREAS, A myriad of organizations and programs in the  
9 United States are committed to combating the gender gap in  
10 engineering by encouraging women and girls to explore  
11 male-dominated STEM fields; and

12 WHEREAS, California is a world leader in science, technology,  
13 engineering, and mathematics; and

14 WHEREAS, California remains committed to the principles of  
15 gender equality; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
17 *thereof concurring*, That February 20, 2020, is hereby  
18 commemorated by the Legislature as Introduce a Girl to  
19 Engineering Day; 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: February 14, 2020

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 154 (Luz Rivas) – As Introduced January 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims February 20, 2020, as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) February 20, 2020, the third Thursday in February, is recognized nationally and internationally as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.
- 2) California is a world leader in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and remains committed to the principles of gender equality.
- 3) Women have contributed to the diverse fields of engineering both historically and currently, yet remain underrepresented in both education programs and the workforce.
- 4) In 1960, less than 1 percent of recorded engineers were women; and, the number of women employed in architecture and engineering had risen to 14 percent by 2011.
- 5) According to the 2015 results of the Program for International Student Assessment, one in 20 boys, but less than one in 200 girls, expect a career in information and computer technologies.
- 6) A myriad of organizations and programs in the United States are committed to combating the gender gap in engineering by encouraging women and girls to explore male-dominated STEM fields.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

American Society of Civil Engineers, Region 9 (ASCE)

**Opposition**

None on file

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



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January 31, 2020

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chairman  
Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Assembly Concurrent Resolution 154

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

The American Society of Civil Engineers, Region 9 (California), is pleased to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 154 (ACR 154) that proclaims February 20, 2020 as *Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day*.

*Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day* is intended to help focus a growing movement to inspire girls' futures, so they learn they have a place in engineering a better world. On that day, ASCE encourages its members to make a difference by sharing their knowledge, experience, and some fun! They give girls the chance to think like an engineer and develop an engineer's problem-solving approach – whether they enter a STEM profession or some other career.

*Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day* is held in conjunction with *Engineers Week* each February to increase interest in engineering among girls and raise awareness of the contributions that engineers make to the community. The day-long event usually includes activities that showcase the various types of engineering careers as well as a fun, hands-on engineering activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event I can provide additional information about Region 9 or other matters related to the practice of civil engineering.

Sincerely,

Kwame A. Agyare, P.E., ENV SP, M. ASCE  
**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS – REGION 9**  
Region 9 Director

cc: Assembly Member Rivas



**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 155**

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

January 28, 2020

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 155—Relative to Black History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 155, as introduced, Weber. Black History Month.

This measure would recognize February 2020 as Black History Month, urge all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month, encourage the people of California to recognize the many talents of African Americans and the achievements and contributions they make to their communities to create equity and equality for education, economics, and social justice, and recognize the significance in protecting citizens’ right to vote and remedying racial discrimination in voting.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The history of the United States is rich with  
2 inspirational stories of great individuals whose actions, words, and  
3 achievements have united Americans and contributed to the success  
4 and prosperity of the United States; and  
5 WHEREAS, Among those Americans who have enriched our  
6 society are the members of the African American community,  
7 individuals whose accomplishments have contributed to every

1 endeavor throughout the history of our nation and who have been  
2 steadfast in their commitment to promoting brotherhood, equality,  
3 and justice for all; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, the distinguished  
5 African American author, editor, publisher, and historian who is  
6 known as the “Father of Black History,” founded Negro History  
7 Week in 1926, which became Black History Month in 1976, with  
8 the intent to encourage further research and publications regarding  
9 the untold stories of African American heritage; and

10 WHEREAS, In August 1619, the first documented Africans  
11 arrived in the English colony of Virginia. The group, recorded  
12 upon arrival as “20 and odd Negros,” was part of a larger group  
13 of West Africans enslaved by Portuguese slave traders. They were  
14 on their way to Veracruz aboard a Portuguese ship when they were  
15 captured off the coast of Mexico by an English warship and  
16 transported to Virginia, where they were put ashore at what is now  
17 Hampton, Virginia, and sold as involuntary laborers or indentured  
18 servants; and

19 WHEREAS, The historic arrival of the group of “20 and odd  
20 Negros” marked the beginning of the trend in colonial America  
21 where people of Africa were taken unwillingly from their homeland  
22 and transplanted to a foreign land, where they were condemned  
23 to a lifetime of slavery and racial discrimination; and

24 WHEREAS, During the course of the slave trade, an estimated  
25 50 million African men, women, and children were lost to their  
26 native continent, though only about 15 million arrived safely to a  
27 new home. The others lost their lives on African soil or along the  
28 Guinea coast, or finally in holds on the ships during the dreaded  
29 Middle Passage across the Atlantic Ocean; and

30 WHEREAS, In spite of the African slave trade, Africans and  
31 African Americans continued to move forward in society; and

32 WHEREAS, From the earliest days of the United States, the  
33 course of its history has been greatly influenced by African  
34 American heroes and pioneers in many diverse areas, including  
35 science, medicine, business, education, government, industry, and  
36 social leadership; and

37 WHEREAS, Africans and African Americans have been great  
38 inventors, inventing and improving on innovations such as the  
39 air-conditioning unit, almanac, automatic gearshift, blood plasma  
40 bag, clothes dryer, doorknob, doorstop, electric lamp bulb, elevator,

1 fire escape ladder, fountain pen, gas mask, golf tee, horseshoe,  
2 lantern, lawnmower, lawn sprinkler, lock, lubricating cup,  
3 refrigerating apparatus, spark plug, stethoscope, telephone  
4 transmitter, thermostat control, traffic signal, and typewriter; and

5 WHEREAS, During the Reconstruction period, 2 African  
6 Americans served in the United States Senate and 14 sat in the  
7 House of Representatives; and

8 WHEREAS, This year, 2020, marks the sesquicentennial of the  
9 Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and 55 years since the passage of  
10 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

11 WHEREAS, Before the passage of the federal Voting Rights  
12 Act of 1965, voters faced disenfranchisement through poll taxes,  
13 literacy tests, and other tactics intended to keep African Americans  
14 from the polls on Election Day; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2012, California historically elected the most  
16 African Americans to serve in the Legislature, totaling 12 members;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In 2008, the first African American President of  
19 the United States was elected; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2012, President Barack H. Obama was elected  
21 to serve a second term; and

22 WHEREAS, Despite over 50 years of progress, African  
23 Americans continue to face voter discrimination, voter suppression,  
24 and voting barriers in jurisdictions with a history of discrimination;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and more cohesive state and  
27 nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of voter  
28 equality and equal access to the political process for all people in  
29 order to protect the rights of every American; and now, therefore,  
30 be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature takes great pleasure in  
33 recognizing February 2020 as Black History Month, urges all  
34 citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African  
35 Americans during Black History Month, and encourages the people  
36 of California to recognize the many talents of African Americans  
37 and the achievements and contributions they make to their  
38 communities to create equity and equality for education,  
39 economics, and social justice; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the significance in
- 2     protecting citizens' right to vote and remedying racial
- 3     discrimination in voting; and be it further
- 4     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 5     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 14, 2020

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 155 (Weber) – As Introduced January 28, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Black History Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes February 2020 as Black History Month, and urges all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The history of the United States is rich with inspirational stories of great individuals whose actions, words, and achievements have united Americans and contributed to the success and prosperity of the United States.
- 2) Among those Americans who have enriched our society are the members of the African American community, individuals whose accomplishments have contributed to every endeavor throughout the history of our nation and who have been steadfast in their commitment to promoting brotherhood, equality, and justice for all.
- 3) During the course of the slave trade, an estimated 50 million African men, women, and children were lost to their native continent, though only about 15 million arrived safely to a new home. The others lost their lives on African soil or along the Guinea coast, or finally in holds on the ships during the dreaded Middle Passage across the Atlantic Ocean.
- 4) In spite of the African slave trade, Africans and African Americans continued to move forward in society; they have been great inventors, inventing and improving on innovations such as the air-conditioning unit, almanac, automatic gearshift, blood plasma bag, clothes dryer, doorknob, doorstop, electric lamp bulb, elevator, fire escape ladder, fountain pen, gas mask, golf tee, horseshoe, lantern, lawnmower, lawn sprinkler, lock, lubricating cup, refrigerator apparatus, spark plug, stethoscope, telephone transmitter, thermostat control, traffic signal, and typewriter.
- 5) During the Reconstruction period, two African Americans served in the United States Senate and 14 sat in the House of Representatives.
- 6) In 2008, the first African American President of the United States was elected. In 2012, President Barack H. Obama was elected for a second term; and, also in 2012, California historically elected the most African Americans to serve in the Legislature, totaling 12 members.
- 7) This year, 2020, marks the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and 55 years since the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; and, to build a stronger and more cohesive state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of voter equality and equal access to the political process for all people in order to protect the rights of every American.

**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. 159**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chen**

February 3, 2020

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 159—Relative to California Fitness Week. .

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 159, as introduced, Chen. California Fitness Week

This measure would declare the week of February 17 to February 21, 2020, inclusive, as California Fitness Week and would encourage Californians to enrich their lives through proper nutrition and exercise.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Exercise and fitness activities can increase  
2 self-esteem, boost energy, strengthen the heart and muscles, and  
3 burn calories; and

4 WHEREAS, Exercise and fitness activities are excellent ways  
5 to relieve stress, lower the risk of heart disease and diabetes,  
6 prevent bone loss, and decrease the risk of some cancers; and

7 WHEREAS, A person’s fitness level has a dramatic effect on  
8 the body’s ability to produce energy and to reduce fat; and

9 WHEREAS, There is no age limit for physical activity. For the  
10 elderly, exercise provides cardiovascular, respiratory,  
11 neuromuscular, metabolic, and mental health benefits; and

12 WHEREAS, Improving one’s physical and mental strength is  
13 never a weakness. Fitness activities have been shown to sharpen  
14 mental ability in all people, and to slow the aging process; and

1 WHEREAS, Maximizing one's energy level, increasing muscle  
2 mass, and reducing body fat increases one's chances of living a  
3 longer, healthier life; and

4 WHEREAS, While California is a fitness leader and ranks 48th  
5 among states in adult obesity, its current rate of 26 percent is still  
6 up from 18.7 percent in 2000 and from 9.9 percent in 1990; and

7 WHEREAS, The State Department of Education reports that a  
8 majority of California's children are not physically fit; and

9 WHEREAS, A recent survey by the federal Centers for Disease  
10 Control and Prevention identified that 71 percent of California  
11 high school students do not get eight hours or more of sleep each  
12 night; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and  
14 Prevention also reports that almost two-thirds of all youth in the  
15 United States consume at least one sugar-sweetened beverage per  
16 day; and

17 WHEREAS, It is important to educate youth and adults of the  
18 harmful effects of improper nutrition and inactivity, and it is  
19 equally important to show them how to reverse those negative  
20 effects and to live healthier lives; and

21 WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to advance the physical  
22 fitness of all Californians by educating them about the benefits of  
23 exercise, rest, and proper nutrition; and

24 WHEREAS, The Legislature will increase public awareness  
25 about the benefits of exercise and physical fitness by encouraging  
26 its Members to host events in their districts that stimulate physical  
27 fitness and increase participation by Californians in activities that  
28 promote physical health and benefit both mental and physical  
29 well-being; and

30 WHEREAS, The Legislature encourages retailers and restaurants  
31 to provide healthier and cost-effective choices to consumers; and

32 WHEREAS, The Legislature encourages its Members, as well  
33 as organizations, businesses, and individuals, to sponsor and attend  
34 physical fitness events that are both effective and fun, inspiring  
35 Californians to become physically fit and to maintain such fitness;  
36 now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
39 week of February 17 to February 21, 2020, inclusive, as California



- 1 Fitness Week, and encourages all Californians to enrich their lives
- 2 through proper nutrition and exercise; 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: February 14, 2020

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 159 (Chen) – As Introduced February 3, 2020

**SUBJECT:** California Fitness Week

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the week of February 17 to February 21, 2020, as California Fitness Week, and encourages all Californians to enrich their lives through proper nutrition and exercise. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) While California ranks 48th among states in adult obesity, its current rate of 26 percent, is still up from 18.7 percent in 2000 and from 9.9 percent in 1990.
- 2) The State Department of Education reports that a majority of California's children are not physically fit. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also reports that almost two-thirds of all youth in the United States consume at least one sugar-sweetened beverage a day.
- 3) It is important to educate youth and adults of the harmful effects of improper nutrition and inactivity; and, it is equally important to show them how to reverse those negative effects and to live healthier lives.
- 4) Exercise and fitness activities can increase self-esteem, boost energy, strengthen the heart and muscles, and burn calories. Exercise and fitness activities are also excellent ways to relieve stress, lower the risk of heart disease and diabetes, prevent bone loss, and decrease the risk of some cancers.
- 5) There is no age limit for physical activity. For the elderly, exercise provides cardiovascular, respiratory, neuromuscular, metabolic, and mental health benefits.
- 6) The Legislature encourages its Members, as well as organizations, businesses, and individuals, to sponsor and attend physical fitness events that are both effective and fun, stimulate physical fitness, increase participation in activities that promote physical health and mental well-being, and inspire Californians to become physically fit and maintain that fitness.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 164**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio**

February 10, 2020

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 164, as introduced, Blanca Rubio. Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of February 2020 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and would encourage all Californians to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with appropriate programs and activities that promote healthy teen relationships and raise awareness about teen dating violence in their communities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence, also known as dating abuse,  
2 is a serious and growing problem throughout California; and  
3 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence intervention and prevention  
4 programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe  
5 learning environment for all youth 12 to 24 years of age, inclusive;  
6 and  
7 WHEREAS, Education and outreach programs to community  
8 members address warning signs of teen dating violence among  
9 youth before behaviors escalate and protect the safety of targeted  
10 youth; and

1 WHEREAS, Consistent with the Center for Disease Control  
2 and Prevention's recommendations for a comprehensive primary  
3 prevention program, multiple strategies are required such as  
4 teaching safe and healthy relationship skills, engaging influential  
5 adults and peers, disrupting the developmental pathways toward  
6 partner violence, creating protective environments, strengthening  
7 economic supports for families, and supporting survivors to  
8 increase safety and lessen harm; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, an estimated one in 10 high school  
10 students is physically hurt on purpose by a dating partner; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control and  
12 Prevention's teen dating violence prevention model, Dating  
13 Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships, one  
14 in three adolescents report verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual  
15 dating abuse each year; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the American Psychological  
17 Association, one in three teens 14 to 20 years of age, inclusive,  
18 have experienced dating abuse and about the same number say  
19 they have committed dating abuse themselves; and

20 WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control and  
21 Prevention, one in 11 female teens and one in 15 male teens  
22 reported experiencing physical violence in the last year; and

23 WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control and  
24 Prevention, one in 9 female teens and one in 36 male teens reported  
25 experiencing sexual dating violence in the last year; and

26 WHEREAS, Forty-three percent of LGB teens reported  
27 experiencing physical dating violence, compared to 29 percent of  
28 heterosexual youth; and

29 WHEREAS, Fifty-nine percent of LGB teens reported emotional  
30 abuse, compared to 46 percent of heterosexual youth; and

31 WHEREAS, Fifty percent of Transgender youth reported  
32 experiencing sexual violence at some point in their lives; and

33 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence has been linked to other forms  
34 of violence and aggression against peers, including bullying, sexual  
35 harassment, sexual violence, and physical violence; and

36 WHEREAS, Survivors of teen dating violence have increased  
37 risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, having eating  
38 disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of  
39 alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

1 WHEREAS, Nearly one-half of students who experience dating  
2 violence have reported that some of the abuse took place on school  
3 grounds; and

4 WHEREAS, Survivors of teen dating violence are also at  
5 increased risk for carrying a weapon to school, being threatened  
6 or injured with a weapon at school, and damaging school property;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Youth who are survivors in high school are at  
9 higher risk for victimization during college, and adolescent  
10 perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their  
11 intimate partners as adults; and

12 WHEREAS, The establishment of Teen Dating Violence  
13 Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools,  
14 communities, families, and all youth; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of  
17 February 2020 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention  
18 Month, and supports communities to empower teens to develop  
19 healthy and violence-free relationships throughout their lives; and  
20 be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon the people of  
22 California, including schools, community groups, families, and  
23 youth to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention  
24 Month with programs and activities that raise awareness about the  
25 dynamics of teen dating violence and support youth in learning  
26 the skills to have safe and healthy relationships; and be 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: February 14, 2020

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 164 (Blanca Rubio) – As Introduced February 10, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates February 2020 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and encourages all Californians to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with programs and activities that promote healthy teen relationships and raise awareness about teen dating violence in their communities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Teen dating violence, also known as dating abuse, is a serious and growing problem throughout California; and, has been linked to other forms of violence and aggression against peers, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and physical violence.
- 2) Survivors of teen dating violence are at increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors, such as the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- 3) Teen dating violence intervention and prevention programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all youth 12 to 24 years of age, address warning signs of dating violence among youth before behaviors escalate, and protect the safety of targeted youth.
- 4) Youth who are survivors in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college, and adolescent perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners as adults.
- 5) The establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, families, and all youth.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence

**Opposition**

None on file

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February 12, 2020

Assembly Member Ken Cooley  
Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento CA 95814

**Re: ACR 164 (Rubio) - Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month - Sponsor**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

On behalf of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership), I write today in support of ACR 164 (Rubio). We are pleased to sponsor this resolution to declare February Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and bring awareness to this important issue.

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership) is California's recognized domestic violence coalition, representing over 1,000 advocates, organizations and allied individuals across the state. Working at the local, state and national levels for nearly 40 years, the Partnership believes that by sharing resources and expertise, advocates and policymakers can end domestic violence. Every day we inspire, inform and connect all those concerned with this issue, because together we're stronger.

Teen dating violence is a serious and growing problem throughout California. Teen dating violence intervention and prevention programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all youth ages 12 to 24. Each year, an estimated 1 in 10 high school students is physically hurt on purpose by a dating partner.<sup>i</sup> According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships, 1 in 3 adolescents report verbal, emotional, physical or sexual dating abuse each year.<sup>ii</sup> 43% of LGB teens reported experiencing physical dating violence, compared to 29% of heterosexual youth, and 59% of LGB teens reported emotional abuse, compared to 46% of heterosexual youth<sup>iii</sup>.

Survivors of teen dating violence have increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, having eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Youth who are survivors in high school are at a higher risk for victimization during college, and adolescent perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners as adults.<sup>iv</sup>

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month is an important opportunity to bring attention to this issue, highlight the need for prevention, and engage community members in this important work. By recognizing this month, the legislature sends a message of its commitment to raising awareness and supporting prevention efforts.



For these reasons, the Partnership is pleased to sponsor ACR 164 and we urge your support for this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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Public Policy Manager

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