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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/1/2023
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 741, AB 925, AB 1143, AB 1152, and AB 1214 has changed.

The following bills have been added to the referral list: AB 14, AB 17, AB 26, AB 43, AB 81, AB 372, AB 388, AB 603, AB 642, AB 654, AB 703, AB 757, AB 828, AB 964, AB 966, AB 1024, AB 1034, AB 1125, AB 1140, AB 1169, AB 1192, ACR 25, and ACR 26. AB 1090 and AB 1198 have been removed from the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 12

Introduced by Assembly Member Stephanie Nguyen

February 9, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Relative to Trisomy Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 12, as introduced, Stephanie Nguyen. Trisomy Awareness Month.

This measure would declare the month of March 2023 as Trisomy Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, During the month of March, “Trisomy Awareness
2 Month” is observed to encourage citizens to increase their
3 awareness of trisomy, a genetic disorder that deeply affects
4 families; and

5 WHEREAS, Trisomy is the presence within a person’s cells of
6 a single extra chromosome, yielding a total of three chromosomes
7 instead of a pair. As a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with
8 any of the 23 pairs of chromosomes individuals have; and

9 WHEREAS, The most common trisomies in newborns are
10 trisomy 21, or Down syndrome, trisomy 18, or Edwards syndrome,
11 and trisomy 13, or Patau syndrome; and

12 WHEREAS, Local support groups, medical professionals, and
13 online communities offer education, encouragement, and
14 counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising
15 trisomy-affected children; and

1 WHEREAS, Now is the time for all Californians to educate
2 themselves on all forms of trisomy, support families currently
3 experiencing trisomy, and participate in helping people with
4 developmental disabilities achieve their full potential; now,
5 therefore, be it
6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the month of
8 March 2023 as Trisomy Awareness Month in California and
9 commends this observation to all our citizens; and be it further
10 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
11 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 2, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 12 (Stephanie Nguyen) – As Introduced February 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Trisomy Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of March 2023 as Trisomy Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Trisomy is the presence within a person’s cells of a single extra chromosome, yielding a total of three chromosomes instead of a pair. As a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with any of the 23 pairs of chromosomes individuals have.
- 2) The most common trisomies in newborns are trisomy 21, or Down syndrome, trisomy 18, or Edwards syndrome, and trisomy 13, or Patau syndrome.
- 3) Local support groups, medical professionals, and online communities offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children.
- 4) During the month of March, “Trisomy Awareness Month” is observed to encourage citizens to increase their awareness of trisomy, a genetic disorder that deeply affects families.
- 5) Now is the time for all Californians to educate themselves on all forms of trisomy, support families currently experiencing trisomy, and participate in helping people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez

February 17, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to American Red Cross Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 20, as introduced, Rodriguez. American Red Cross Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2023 as American Red Cross Month and would dedicate it to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of the organization’s founder. The measure would encourage all Californians to reach out, support the organization’s humanitarian mission, and join in their commitment to care for people in need.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special
2 time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in
3 need every day in California, across the United States, and around
4 the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as
5 they carry out the organization’s 142-year-old mission of
6 preventing and alleviating suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, People have stepped up to help others in need,
8 whether it was responding to disasters across the country or rolling
9 up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe
10 blood shortage; and

11 WHEREAS, Day after day, we are witnessing and responding
12 to devastating and dramatic disasters exacerbated by climate

1 change. Wildfires are relentless, storms are intensifying, and floods
2 are escalating. The climate crisis is not ahead of us; it is here.
3 Climate change affects vulnerable populations disproportionately,
4 which increases the need for American Red Cross support, their
5 Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) programs, and their
6 framework for climate change action focused on resilience,
7 education, and sustainability; and

8 WHEREAS, Here in California, local families have relied on
9 American Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping
10 with over 3,000 local disasters. Last year, over 25,000 California
11 volunteers assisted with small and large disasters, such as the
12 devastating wildfires. Volunteers also helped over 5,000 people
13 affected by home fires in the state by addressing their urgent needs,
14 including food, lodging, and recovery support; and

15 WHEREAS, California volunteers have supported local families
16 in other ways too. Last year, almost 400,000 people enrolled in
17 training classes that taught lifesaving skills, such as first aid,
18 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), water safety, and caregiving.
19 The American Red Cross provided services to military members,
20 veterans, retirees, and their families. Over 45,000 cases were open
21 to assist in various ways; and

22 WHEREAS, Every two seconds, someone in the United States
23 needs blood. Nationwide, the American Red Cross provides 40
24 percent of the country's blood supply. In California, the American
25 Red Cross collects over 330,000 units of red blood cells each year.
26 In addition, over 130,000 units of platelets are collected each year
27 to help treat trauma and cancer patients. Blood products are also
28 essential for surgeries and chronic illnesses; and

29 WHEREAS, In January 2022, the American Red Cross declared
30 a first-ever national blood shortage crisis. Due to the blood
31 shortage, some hospitals are receiving a quarter of the blood they
32 need. Doctors are forced to choose between who receives care
33 immediately and who must wait until more blood is available. In
34 more dire cases, hospitals are unable to treat anyone because of
35 exhausting their blood inventory. In the event of a disaster or
36 large-scale emergency, a shortage of available blood may also
37 result in otherwise preventable loss of life; and

38 WHEREAS, Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red
39 Cross founder Clara Barton, this lifesaving work is vital to
40 strengthening our community's resilience; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
3 month of March 2023 as American Red Cross Month and dedicates
4 it to all those who continue to advance Clara Barton’s noble legacy;
5 and be it further

6 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages all Californians to
7 reach out, support the organization’s humanitarian mission, and
8 join in their commitment to care for people in need; and be it
9 further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 2, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 20 (Rodriguez) – As Introduced February 17, 2023

SUBJECT: American Red Cross Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2023 as American Red Cross Month and encourages all Californians to join in their commitment to care for people in need. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in California, across the United States, and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year-old mission of preventing and alleviating suffering.
- 2) Here in California, local families have relied on American Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with over 3,000 local disasters. Last year, over 25,000 California volunteers assisted with small and large disasters, such as the devastating wildfires. Volunteers also helped over 5,000 people affected by home fires in the state by addressing their urgent needs, including food, lodging, and recovery support.
- 3) California volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year, almost 400,000 people enrolled in training classes that taught lifesaving skills, such as first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), water safety, and caregiving. The American Red Cross provided services to military members, veterans, retirees, and their families. Over 45,000 cases were open to assist in various ways.
- 4) Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. In California, the American Red Cross collects over 330,000 units of red blood cells each year. In addition, over 130,000 units of platelets are collected each year to help treat trauma and cancer patients.
- 5) In January 2022, the American Red Cross declared a first-ever national blood shortage crisis. Due to the blood shortage, some hospitals are receiving a quarter of the blood they need. Doctors are forced to choose between who receives care immediately and who must wait until more blood is available.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 21

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

February 17, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 21—Relative to California Kidney Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 21, as introduced, Weber. California Kidney Day.

This measure would designate March 9, 2023, as California Kidney Day, and would urge Californians to familiarize themselves with the main causes and consequences of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and the importance of early intervention to conserve health care resources, and to produce a better quality of life for CKD patients.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, March 9, 2023, has been designated as World
2 Kidney Day; and

3 WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a condition that
4 occurs when the kidneys do not work as required to filter waste,
5 toxins, and excess fluid from the body. Many people who have
6 CKD are unaware of their condition; and

7 WHEREAS, CKD can progress to end stage renal disease
8 (ESRD), which is the fifth and final stage of CKD. ESRD requires
9 a continuous course of dialysis therapy or a kidney transplant to
10 maintain life; and

11 WHEREAS, There are approximately 80,000 people with ESRD
12 in the state; and

1 WHEREAS, There is no cure for CKD, but there is abundant
2 medical evidence showing that its recognition and treatment can
3 delay or prevent the onset of ESRD; and
4 WHEREAS, ESRD is caused by diabetes mellitus, high blood
5 pressure, inherited conditions, or other insult to the kidneys; and
6 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the number one cause of CKD in the
7 United States; and
8 WHEREAS, Uncontrolled high blood pressure is the second
9 leading cause of CKD in the United States; and
10 WHEREAS, Severe high blood pressure causes kidney
11 malfunction over a relatively short period of time, but even mild
12 forms of high blood pressure can damage kidneys over several
13 years, with no symptoms evident until there is serious damage;
14 and
15 WHEREAS, CKD causes high blood pressure or worsens
16 existing high blood pressure and accelerates damage to the kidneys;
17 and
18 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death
19 in patients with CKD; and
20 WHEREAS, Public policy initiatives targeted at early
21 identification, controlling cardiovascular risk factors, and early
22 intervention for those with diabetes mellitus and high blood
23 pressure may reduce the serious long-term effects of CKD on the
24 population, and the significant economic burden on individuals
25 and society; now, therefore, be it
26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes March 9, 2023,
28 as California Kidney Day, and urges Californians to familiarize
29 themselves with the causes and consequences of chronic kidney
30 disease and the importance of intervention to promote sustained
31 health and a better quality of life; and be it further
32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 2, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 21 (Weber) – As Introduced February 17, 2023

SUBJECT: California Kidney Day.

SUMMARY: Designates March 9, 2023, as California Kidney Day; and, urges Californians to familiarize themselves with the main causes and consequences of chronic kidney disease and the importance of early intervention to conserve health care resources. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a condition that occurs when the kidneys do not work as required to filter waste, toxins, and excess fluid from the body. Many people who have CKD are unaware of their condition.
- 2) CKD can progress to end stage renal disease (ESRD), which is the fifth and final stage of CKD. ESRD requires a continuous course of dialysis therapy or a kidney transplant to maintain life.
- 3) There is no cure for CKD, but there is abundant medical evidence showing that its recognition and treatment can delay or prevent the onset of ESRD. There are approximately 80,000 people with ESRD in the state.
- 4) Diabetes is the number one cause of CKD in the United States. Uncontrolled high blood pressure is the second leading cause of CKD in the United States.
- 5) Severe high blood pressure causes kidney malfunction over a relatively short period of time, but even mild forms of high blood pressure can damage kidneys over several years, with no symptoms evident until there is serious damage.
- 6) Public policy initiatives targeted at early identification, controlling cardiovascular risk factors, and early intervention for those with diabetes mellitus and high blood pressure may reduce the serious long-term effects of CKD on the population.
- 7) March 9, 2023, has been designated as World Kidney Day.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

February 21, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 23, as introduced, Weber. Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2023 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Legislature is proud to proclaim March 2023
2 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in this state; and
3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting
4 at least 4,000 people in California, and Von Willebrand disease
5 impacts at least 360,000 people in California; and
6 WHEREAS, Without treatment, people with hemophilia and
7 other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding
8 episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joints, muscles,
9 internal organs, and brain. Repeated bleeding episodes in the joints
10 result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often
11 lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic
12 pain. Bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain
13 can cause permanent damage, disability, and even death; and
14 WHEREAS, Many individuals with hemophilia became infected
15 with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C in the

1 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood
2 products; and

3 WHEREAS, With proper care and access to comprehensive
4 medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related
5 bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and lead
6 productive lives; and

7 WHEREAS, Visits to federally recognized hemophilia treatment
8 centers reduce morbidity and mortality significantly; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of California is committed to proper care
10 and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other
11 related bleeding disorders through previously enacted legislation;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, This awareness month will generate greater
14 understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding
15 disorders; and

16 WHEREAS, This awareness month will foster a greater sense
17 of community and shared purpose among all individuals with
18 inheritable bleeding disorders; and

19 WHEREAS, This awareness month will elevate the awareness
20 of, and engagement in, the inheritable bleeding disorders journey
21 beyond this community to the general public, enabling the
22 prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature pause in its deliberations
26 to proudly proclaim the month of March 2023 as Bleeding
27 Disorders Awareness Month in California; 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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32 **CORRECTIONS:** _____

33 **Text—Page 2.**

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Date of Hearing: March 2, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 23 (Weber) – As Introduced February 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2023 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting at least 4,000 people in California, and Von Willebrand disease impacts at least 360,000 people in California.
- 2) Without treatment, people with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joints, muscles, internal organs, and brain. Repeated bleeding episodes in the joints result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic pain. Bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain can cause permanent damage, disability, and even death.
- 3) With proper care and access to comprehensive medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and lead productive lives.
- 4) Visits to federally recognized hemophilia treatment centers reduce morbidity and mortality significantly. The State of California is committed to proper care and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders through previously enacted legislation.
- 5) The Legislature is proud to proclaim March 2023 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in this state. This awareness month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders.
- 6) This awareness month will also elevate the awareness of, and engagement in, the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond this community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 24

Introduced by Assembly Member Ortega
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Addis, Davies, McKinnor,
Stephanie Nguyen, Pellerin, Luz Rivas, Waldron, and Wilson)
(Coauthors: Senators Caballero, Hurtado, Nguyen, and Rubio)

February 27, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to Women in Construction Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 24, as introduced, Ortega. Women in Construction Week.
This measure would proclaim the week of March 5, 2023, to March 11, 2023, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week.
Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1987, Congress declared March as national
2 Women’s History Month in perpetuity, and since then, the industry
3 has celebrated women in construction during the first week of
4 March; and
5 WHEREAS, The focus of Women in Construction Week is to
6 highlight women as a visible component of the construction
7 industry; and
8 WHEREAS, The continuous progress of our economy requires
9 full participation and support of all citizens, regardless of gender,
10 race, or ethnic background; and
11 WHEREAS, The workforce in California is becoming
12 increasingly diversified and for this state’s construction industry
13 to remain competitive in the global economy, it must also diversify

1 its workforce by attracting significantly more women into the
2 industry; and

3 WHEREAS, Women currently occupy only 7.2 percent of all
4 apprenticeships and 10.9 percent of construction trade jobs
5 nationally. As a state, we should support policy efforts, such as
6 Chapter 675 of the Statutes of 2018 (Assembly Bill 2358) and
7 Chapter 722 of the Statutes of 2019 (Senate Bill 530). We aim to
8 make construction job sites safer and more welcoming to women
9 and will help achieve at least 20 percent by 2029; and

10 WHEREAS, The construction industry in California has
11 tremendous need for skilled and motivated workers, managers,
12 and entrepreneurs from all segments of the population; and

13 WHEREAS, The construction industry must strive to educate
14 and inspire parents, educators, and career counselors to encourage
15 California’s youth to enter into rewarding career opportunities in
16 construction; and

17 WHEREAS, Rising costs of higher education and evolving
18 employer workforce training needs make apprenticeship an
19 increasingly important career pathway without the burden of
20 student loans; and

21 WHEREAS, Women face many barriers to entering and staying
22 in the construction field and have historically been excluded from
23 apprenticeship opportunities that lead to meaningful careers with
24 family-supporting wages; and

25 WHEREAS, Apprenticeships are a critical pathway for women
26 to participate fully and equally in California’s growing economy;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, The development of women-owned business
29 enterprises will benefit all members of the workforce through the
30 creation of meaningful and productive jobs; and

31 WHEREAS, Research has shown that gender diversity is
32 associated with increased performance, innovation, and
33 opportunity. Having more women entrepreneurs and small business
34 owners operating in the construction industry will only benefit the
35 working conditions for women across all industries; and

36 WHEREAS, Women represent an untapped resource, and
37 activities to improve women’s recruitment and retention in skilled
38 construction jobs is critically important in helping to close the
39 workforce skills gap, build the middle class, and help meet the
40 needs of the 21st century; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims March 5, 2023,
3 to March 11, 2023, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week
4 and requests that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on the
5 people of the great State of California to observe the week with
6 appropriate programs and education activities; and be it further
7 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
8 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 2, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 24 (Ortega) – As Introduced February 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Women in Construction Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of March 5, 2023, to March 11, 2023, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 1987, Congress declared March as national Women’s History Month in perpetuity, and since then, the industry has celebrated women in construction during the first week of March.
- 2) The workforce in California is becoming increasingly diversified and for this state’s construction industry to remain competitive in the global economy, it must also diversify its workforce by attracting significantly more women into the industry.
- 3) The construction industry in California has tremendous need for skilled and motivated workers, managers, and entrepreneurs from all segments of the population.
- 4) The construction industry must strive to educate and inspire parents, educators, and career counselors to encourage California’s youth to enter into rewarding career opportunities in construction.
- 5) Research has shown that gender diversity is associated with increased performance, innovation, and opportunity. Having more women entrepreneurs and small business owners operating in the construction industry will only benefit the working conditions for women across all industries.
- 6) Women represent an untapped resource, and activities to improve women’s recruitment and retention in skilled construction jobs is critically important in helping to close the workforce skills gap, build the middle class, and help meet the needs of the 21st century.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Alvarado-Gil
(Principal coauthor: Senator Ashby)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alanis and Flora)

February 6, 2023

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to California Almond Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 19, as introduced, Alvarado-Gil. California Almond Day.
This measure would proclaim February 16, 2023, as California Almond Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Almonds provide many health benefits and are a
2 great source of protein, healthy fats, and fiber; and
3 WHEREAS, Almonds are gluten-free and contain essential
4 vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin E, magnesium, and
5 potassium; and
6 WHEREAS, Among their many benefits, almonds help maintain
7 healthy heart, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels. Almonds also
8 provide vital nutrients that promote skin health and protect against
9 ultraviolet radiation; and
10 WHEREAS, As a convenient, versatile, and healthy food option,
11 almonds can be enjoyed in various ways, such as snacking, baking,
12 and cooking; and
13 WHEREAS, California is home to 7,600 almond farms, nearly
14 90 percent of those farms are family farms, many owned and
15 operated by third- and fourth-generation farmers. Nearly 70 percent
16 of California almond farms are 100 acres or less. There are 98

1 almond handlers in California, many of which are family-owned
2 businesses; and

3 WHEREAS, In California, the almond industry employs 110,000
4 people and contributes \$9,200,000,000 annually to the economy;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, California is responsible for 100 percent of the
7 United States almond supply and 80 percent of the world’s almond
8 supply; and

9 WHEREAS, Almond farmers have improved the efficiency of
10 water use, reaching 75 percent of the almond community’s goal
11 to attain a 20 percent improvement by 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, Growers and processors are finding new food
13 product opportunities for uses of the almond hull to achieve zero
14 waste in the orchards; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature celebrates the
17 contributions of almond farmers, processors, and other industry
18 members, who make the almond industry one of the most
19 successful and innovative in the United States; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That February 16, 2023, is hereby proclaimed as
21 California Almond Day; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 2, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
SCR 19 (Alvarado-Gil) – As Introduced February 6, 2023

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: California Almond Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims February 16, 2023, as California Almond Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Almonds provide many health benefits and are a great source of protein, healthy fats, and fiber. Almonds are gluten-free and contain essential vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin E, magnesium, and potassium.
- 2) Among their many benefits, almonds help maintain healthy heart, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels. Almonds also provide vital nutrients that promote skin health and protect against ultraviolet radiation.
- 3) California is home to 7,600 almond farms, nearly 90 percent of those farms are family farms, many owned and operated by third- and fourth-generation farmers. Nearly 70 percent of California almond farms are 100 acres or less. There are 98 almond handlers in California, many of which are family-owned businesses.
- 4) In California, the almond industry employs 110,000 people and contributes \$9,200,000,000 annually to the economy. The state is responsible for 100 percent of the United States almond supply and 80 percent of the world's almond supply.
- 5) Almond farmers have improved the efficiency of water use, reaching 75 percent of the almond community's goal to attain a 20 percent improvement by 2025. And, growers and processors are finding new food product opportunities for uses of the almond hull to achieve zero waste in the orchards.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Agricultural Council of California (Ag Council)

Opposition

None on file

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



February 28, 2023

The Honorable James Ramos
Chair, Assembly Committee on Rules
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Ramos:

Agricultural Council of California (Ag Council) strongly supports SCR 19 (Alvarado-Gil), which proclaims California Almond Day on February 16, 2023.

Ag Council is proud to represent thousands of family farmers growing almonds in California who are seizing opportunities to advance critical sustainability efforts. Importantly, almond farmers continue to improve water use efficiencies and innovate toward zero waste in the orchards.

With farmers in the Golden State growing 100 percent of the U.S. almond supply and 80 percent of the world's almond supply, it is appropriate for the California State Legislature to recognize this significant industry benefiting the California economy and employing approximately 110,000 people.

Ag Council respectfully requests your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tricia Geringer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tricia Geringer
Vice President of Government Affairs
Agricultural Council of California