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Thursday, May 6, 2021
8:45 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 4202

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 5/5/2021
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, HR 39 has been added to the list of referrals.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/06/2021

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACR 79</u>	TRANS.
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 6

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

December 14, 2020

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to Blue Star Mothers of America Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 6, as introduced, Salas. Blue Star Mothers of America Month.
This measure would recognize May 2021 as Blue Star Mothers of America Month in California, as specified.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. was
2 founded as a patriotic service organization on February 2, 1942,
3 to unite mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States
4 Armed Forces; and
5 WHEREAS, The nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonpolitical, and
6 nonprofit organization was chartered by the Congress of the United
7 States in 1960; and
8 WHEREAS, Persons eligible for membership in the organization
9 include mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers,
10 grandmothers, or the legal guardians of a person who is serving
11 in the Armed Forces, or has served in, or has been honorably
12 discharged from, the Armed Forces; and
13 WHEREAS, Family members and friends may become associate
14 members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join
15 a Blue Star Dads’ Association; and

1 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America,
2 Inc. includes providing support for active duty service personnel
3 and their families, promoting patriotism, and assisting various
4 veterans organizations, such as the American Gold Star Mothers,
5 Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America,
7 Inc. is increasingly important with the hundreds of thousands of
8 United States Armed Forces men and women who have served in
9 Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, the global
10 war on terrorism, and with the continued deployments of the
11 California National Guard and our active duty military and its
12 reserve components; and

13 WHEREAS, The dedication, sacrifice, and hard work of the
14 devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. merit
15 recognition; and

16 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Flag is the official banner authorized
17 by the United States Department of Defense for display by families
18 who have members serving in the United States Armed Forces
19 during a period of war or armed conflict in which the nation may
20 be engaged for the duration of such hostilities; and

21 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Flag was designed and patented by
22 World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio
23 Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines, and the flag
24 quickly became an unofficial symbol of a child in service; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
28 May 2021 as “Blue Star Mothers of America Month” in California;
29 and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all residents of the
31 state to take some time during the month of May 2021 to honor
32 and recognize the dedication and sacrifice of the Blue Star Mothers
33 of America, Inc.; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and celebrates the
35 history and contributions of the Blue Star Mothers of America,
36 Inc.; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 6 (Salas) – As Introduced December 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Blue Star Mothers of America Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 2021 as Blue Star Mothers of America Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. was founded as a patriotic service organization on February 2, 1942, to unite mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States Armed Forces. The nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonpolitical, and nonprofit organization was chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1960.
- 2) Persons eligible for membership in the organization include mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, or the legal guardians of a person who is serving in the Armed Forces, or has served in, or has been honorably discharged from, the Armed Forces.
- 3) The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. includes providing support for active duty service personnel and their families, promoting patriotism, and assisting various veterans organizations, such as the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
- 4) The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is increasingly important with the hundreds of thousands of United States Armed Forces men and women who have served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, the global war on terrorism, and with the continued deployments of the California National Guard and our active duty military and its reserve components.
- 5) The dedication, sacrifice, and hard work of the devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. merit recognition.
- 6) The Blue Star Flag is the official banner authorized by the United States Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war or armed conflict in which the nation may be engaged for the duration of such hostilities
- 7) The Blue Star Flag was designed and patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines, and the flag quickly became an unofficial symbol of a child in service.

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. 25

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

February 8, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to Áo Dài Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 25, as introduced, Nguyen. Áo Dài Day.

This measure would proclaim May 15, 2021 as Áo Dài Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The month of May has been designated as Asian
2 and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and

3 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans living in California and
4 elsewhere in the United States desire to contribute to and share
5 their cultural heritage with the State of California and in the United
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese traditional long gown, known as
8 the Áo Dài, has long been recognized as the symbol of cultural
9 aesthetics and pride of people of Vietnamese descent; and

10 WHEREAS, To contribute to the people of the State of
11 California, and to celebrate the diversity of American society, the
12 Vietnamese American community has held a community event
13 known as the Áo Dài Festival throughout the state; and

14 WHEREAS, The Áo Dài Festival will be celebrated throughout
15 the State of California during Asian and Pacific Islander American
16 Heritage Month in May 2021; and

1 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community desires to
2 designate a special day to invite all residents of California to share
3 in its cultural heritage by wearing the traditional Vietnamese Áo
4 Dài; and

5 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans now petition that May 15
6 be designated as Áo Dài Day; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
8 *thereof concurring*, That May 15, 2021, shall be proclaimed as Áo
9 Dài Day; 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: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 25 (Nguyen) – As Introduced February 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Áo Dài Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims May 15, 2021 as Áo Dài Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The month of May has been designated as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.
- 2) Vietnamese Americans living in California and elsewhere in the United States desire to contribute to and share their cultural heritage with the State of California and in the United States.
- 3) The Vietnamese traditional long gown, known as the Áo Dài, has long been recognized as the symbol of cultural aesthetics and pride of people of Vietnamese descent.
- 4) To contribute to the people of the State of California, and to celebrate the diversity of American society, the Vietnamese American community has held a community event known as the Áo Dài Festival throughout the state.
- 5) The Áo Dài Festival will be celebrated throughout the State of California during Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month in May 2021.
- 6) The Vietnamese American community desires to designate May 15 to invite all residents of California to share in its cultural heritage by wearing the traditional Vietnamese Áo Dài.

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. 42

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

March 8, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 42—Relative to Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 42, as introduced, Patterson. Lyme Disease Awareness Month.
This measure would proclaim the month of May 2021 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is an often misunderstood illness
2 that can cause serious health problems if it is not caught early and
3 properly treated; and
4 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the
5 spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is primarily transmitted by the
6 bite of an infected tick. The disease was first identified in North
7 America in the 1970s in Lyme, Connecticut, for which it was
8 named. Since that time, the disease has been found in all 50 states
9 in the United States. The reach of Lyme disease is global, having
10 been reported in more than 60 countries on six continents and
11 several islands; and
12 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a complex, multisystem illness.
13 Early signs of infection may include rash and flu-like symptoms,
14 including fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. Usually,
15 the disease responds well to prompt treatment with appropriate
16 antibiotics. If untreated or inadequately treated, however, Lyme

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
22 Prevention (CDC) now estimates that about 476,000 Americans
23 are diagnosed and treated for Lyme disease every year. This is
24 greater than the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer
25 every year; and

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

35 WHEREAS, In California, the Lyme disease bacterium is
36 transmitted by the western blacklegged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*).
37 Ticks are active year round, especially when the environment is
38 wet. Thus, this tick is most common in the coastal regions and
39 along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada range, but has been
40 found in 56 of California's 58 counties; and

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, The Legislature finds that this disease presents a
20 health threat to Californians; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
23 month of May 2021 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month; and be
24 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 42 (Patterson) – As Introduced March 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2021 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

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

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

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. 55

Introduced by Assembly Member Chau
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chen, Choi, Kalra, Lee,
Muratsuchi, Nguyen, and Ting)
(Coauthors: Senators Min and Pan)

March 23, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 55—Relative to the 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 55, as introduced, Chau. The 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871.

This measure would commemorate October 24, 2021, as the 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871 to fostering awareness about this incident in an effort to promote inclusiveness, tolerance, and unity, while recognizing and appreciating the contributions of all immigrants and minority groups to the United States and California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Nearly 150 years have passed since the tragic event
- 2 known as the Chinese Massacre of 1871 that resulted in the deaths
- 3 of 18 Chinese residents in the City of Los Angeles; and
- 4 WHEREAS, In 1871, the City of Los Angeles had a population
- 5 of 5,728 people and a Chinese population of 172; and
- 6 WHEREAS, After the Civil War, California’s rising
- 7 unemployment caused attention to be directed toward the Chinese
- 8 laborers for unfair labor competition, which resulted in
- 9 anti-Chinese sentiment; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1869, anti-Chinese attitudes began to develop
2 as the Los Angeles News and The Los Angeles Star began
3 publishing editorials against Chinese immigration and portraying
4 the Chinese population as inferior and immoral; and

5 WHEREAS, Such press coverage allegedly led to an increase
6 in racially motivated attacks against the Chinese population; and

7 WHEREAS, In October 1871, a feud between leaders of two
8 rival huignan (mutual benefit associations) over the kidnapping
9 of a young Chinese woman led to a shootout between several
10 Chinese men that ultimately resulted in the wounding of one police
11 officer and death of one civilian who was assisting two police
12 officers in responding to the incident; and

13 WHEREAS, A mob of about 500 people, approximately 10
14 percent of the city, reacted to the death of the civilian by attacking
15 and rounding up members of the Chinese population, then lynching
16 them; and

17 WHEREAS, As a result, 18 Chinese residents of the city,
18 including one child, comprising 10 percent of the Chinese
19 population, were killed on October 24, 1871, only one of whom
20 was believed to have participated in the original gunfight; and

21 WHEREAS, Twenty-five indictments were brought for the
22 murders, 10 men stood trial, and 8 were convicted on manslaughter
23 charges, but the charges were later overturned based on technical
24 aspects of law, including that Chinese persons could not testify
25 against a White man in court, and the defendants were never
26 retried; and

27 WHEREAS, The incident increased anti-Chinese sentiment in
28 the city, including the further publishing of anti-Chinese editorials;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, The Chinese Massacre of 1871 is a cautionary
31 tragedy of what can happen in a society when hate crimes, bigotry,
32 and racism go unchecked; and

33 WHEREAS, Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, public
34 officials and others on various media platforms have helped
35 exacerbate Anti-Asian American bias and discrimination by using
36 terms like the “China Virus” and “Kung Flu” in describing the
37 COVID-19 virus; and

38 WHEREAS, According to the Stop AAPI Hate coalition, nearly
39 3,800 hate crimes occurred across the United States against the
40 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community between

1 March 2020 and February 2021, including nearly 1,700 incidents
2 in California; and

3 WHEREAS, These incidents include numerous assaults against
4 AAPI community members, including the elderly, resulting in
5 severe injury and death, and the most recent of which involved the
6 killing of eight people in Atlanta, Georgia, among them six women
7 of Asian descent; and

8 WHEREAS, There are alarming parallels between the Chinese
9 Massacre of 1871 and current hate crimes being perpetrated against
10 the AAPI community in California; and

11 WHEREAS, It is important to reject racism and anti-AAPI bias
12 to create a more inclusive and harmonious society in California
13 and across the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, We must teach our future generations about the
15 horrible history of such racially motivated violent events in order
16 to remain vigilant against bigotry, hatred, and persecution to
17 prevent similar atrocities from being repeated; and

18 WHEREAS, The Chinese Massacre of 1871 is an important part
19 of Los Angeles and California history and it is critical that we
20 mark the 150th anniversary of this event appropriately; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commemorates October
24 24, 2021 as the 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of
25 1871, one of the most significant incidences of racially motivated
26 violence in California history; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commemorates this day as a
28 means of fostering awareness about this incident in an effort to
29 promote inclusiveness, tolerance, and unity, while recognizing and
30 appreciating the priceless contributions individuals from all
31 backgrounds, including immigrants, to the greatness of the United
32 States and especially to our great state, California; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
34 of this resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly,
35 the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and the author for appropriate
36 distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 55 (Chau) – As Introduced March 23, 2021

SUBJECT: The 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871.

SUMMARY: Commemorates October 24, 2021, as the 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871 to foster awareness about this incident in an effort to promote inclusiveness, tolerance, and unity, while recognizing and appreciating the contributions of all immigrants and minority groups to the United States and California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nearly 150 years have passed since the tragic event known as the Chinese Massacre of 1871 that resulted in the deaths of 18 Chinese residents in the City of Los Angeles.
- 2) In 1869, anti-Chinese attitudes began to develop as the Los Angeles News and The Los Angeles Star began publishing editorials against Chinese immigration and portraying the Chinese population as inferior and immoral. Such press coverage allegedly led to an increase in racially motivated attacks against the Chinese population.
- 3) In October 1871, a feud between leaders of two rival huignan (mutual benefit associations) over the kidnapping of a young Chinese woman led to a shootout between several Chinese men that ultimately resulted in the wounding of one police officer and death of one civilian who was assisting two police officers in responding to the incident.
- 4) A mob of about 500 people, approximately 10 percent of the city, reacted to the death of the civilian by attacking and rounding up members of the Chinese population, then lynching them. As a result, 18 Chinese residents of the city, including one child, comprising 10 percent of the Chinese population, were killed on October 24, 1871, only one of whom was believed to have participated in the original gunfight.
- 5) The incident increased anti-Chinese sentiment in the city, including the further publishing of anti-Chinese editorials.
- 6) The Chinese Massacre of 1871 is a cautionary tragedy of what can happen in a society when hate crimes, bigotry, and racism go unchecked.
- 7) Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, public officials and others on various media platforms have helped exacerbate Anti-Asian American bias and discrimination by using terms like the “China Virus” and “Kung Flu” in describing the COVID-19 virus.
- 8) According to the Stop AAPI Hate coalition, nearly 3,800 hate crimes occurred across the United States against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community between March 2020 and February 2021, including nearly 1,700 incidents in California.
- 9) There are alarming parallels between the Chinese Massacre of 1871 and current hate crimes being perpetrated against the AAPI community in California.

- 10) It is important to reject racism and anti-AAPI bias to create a more inclusive and harmonious society in California and across the nation. We must teach our future generations about the horrible history of such racially motivated violent events in order to remain vigilant against bigotry, hatred, and persecution, to prevent similar atrocities from being repeated.
- 11) The Chinese Massacre of 1871 is an important part of Los Angeles and California history and it is critical that we mark the 150th anniversary of this event.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Historical Society

Opposition

None on file

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



April 5, 2021

The Honorable Ed Chau
California State Assembly
Room 5016, State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: House Resolution ACR 55 (Chau) The 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871—SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Chau:

The California Historical Society fully supports ACR 55 commemorating October 24, 2021, as the 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871, an appalling incident of racially motivated violence that resulted in the death of 10 percent of the Chinese people residing in Los Angeles at the time.

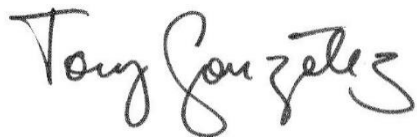
As the official historical society of the State of California since 1979, we know how important it is to acknowledge this tragic event and the anti-Chinese sentiment that fueled it. As ACR 55 states, in 1871 a mob of approximately 500 people rounded up and killed 18 Chinese residents of Los Angeles, Chinese people were not allowed to testify against the white perpetrators, all charges were ultimately overturned despite indictments, and the incident only increased anti-Chinese sentiment. Unfortunately, the events of 1871 are just some among many that demonstrate the historical social, political, and judicial disenfranchisement of people of Chinese heritage in California. ACR 55 will promote a more inclusive future by acknowledging past wrongs at a moment when public rhetoric about the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated anti-Asian American discrimination and hate crimes against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

Through its programs, exhibitions, partnerships, and educational activities, the California Historical Society encourages Californians to confront the past in all its darkness, complexity, and pain. Specifically, our *Teaching California* initiative spotlights the impact of anti-Chinese sentiment and public policy. The online resource for K-12 educators, which we created in partnership with the California History-Social Science Project, examines the experiences of Chinese immigrants in California through multiple curriculum sets and accompanying primary source material. Much of this material

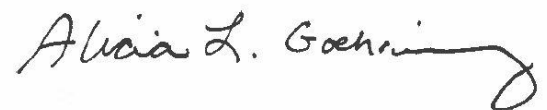
comes from the California Historical Society's collections, which include some of the earliest known records of Chinese immigration to California, certificates of residence for Chinese laborers (1894-1897), nineteenth century portraits of Chinese men and women living in California, photographs of Chinese railroad workers, and images of the Chinese quarter in Los Angeles where the 1871 massacre occurred. Our continuing efforts to make these collections available to the public will make it possible for future historians to tell the full story of the Chinese American experience in California with its triumphs, joys, and achievements as well as tragedies.

In closing, the California Historical Society reiterates its support for ACR 55 and the California State Assembly's official commemoration October 24, 2021, as the 150th Anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871. We urge all Californians to utilize the Resolution as an opportunity to learn from our past in order to build a more just future.

Sincerely,



Tony Gonzalez
Chair of the Board of Trustees
California Historical Society



Alicia L. Goehring
Executive Director and CEO
California Historical Society

cc. Members of the California State Assembly

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 68

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

April 7, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to Student Mental Health Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 68, as introduced, O'Donnell. Student Mental Health Week.

This measure would declare the week of May 10, 2021, to May 14, 2021, inclusive, as Student Mental Health Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Student mental health needs too often go unnoticed
2 or unaddressed at school; and
3 WHEREAS, Reducing the stigma surrounding mental health
4 will empower students to speak up when they need help; and
5 WHEREAS, Research has shown that adverse childhood
6 experiences have lasting harmful impacts and can leave students
7 feeling disenfranchised if not addressed; and
8 WHEREAS, Students in California are subjected to community-
9 and school-based acts of violence or threats; and
10 WHEREAS, Many students in California have experienced
11 traumatic natural disaster events, such as wildfires, mudslides,
12 evacuations, and earthquakes; and
13 WHEREAS, The overuse of social media can result in students
14 feeling disconnected from their peers; and

1 WHEREAS, The early identification of, intervention in, and
2 treatment of mental health and behavioral issues is paramount for
3 a healthy student body and school community; and

4 WHEREAS, Prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12,
5 inclusive, through their unique role in serving children and youth,
6 have an opportunity to address student health early and effectively;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The need for comprehensive, coordinated mental
9 health services for students in school is a critical responsibility as
10 part of an overall education plan; and

11 WHEREAS, Addressing the complex mental health needs of
12 California students today is fundamental to the future of California;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a week should be set aside
15 each year for the direction of our thoughts towards our students'
16 mental health and well-being; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the week
19 of May 10, 2021, to May 14, 2021, inclusive, as Student Mental
20 Health Week in California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 68 (O'Donnell) – As Introduced April 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Student Mental Health Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of May 10, 2021, to May 14, 2021, inclusive, as Student Mental Health Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Student mental health needs too often go unnoticed or unaddressed at school. Reducing the stigma surrounding mental health will empower students to speak up when they need help.
- 2) Research has shown that adverse childhood experiences have lasting harmful impacts and can leave students feeling disenfranchised if not addressed. Many students in California have experienced traumatic natural disaster events, such as wildfires, mudslides, evacuations, and earthquakes.
- 3) The overuse of social media can result in students feeling disconnected from their peers.
- 4) The early identification of, intervention in, and treatment of mental health and behavioral issues is paramount for a healthy student body and school community.
- 5) The need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for students in school is a critical responsibility as part of an overall education plan.
- 6) Addressing the complex mental health needs of California students today is fundamental to the future of California.
- 7) It is appropriate that a week should be set aside each year for the direction of our thoughts towards our students' mental health and well-being.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Association of School Counselors (CASC)
California Association of School Psychologists (CASP)
Humboldt County Office of Education
Los Angeles Unified School District
Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
Santa Clara County Office of Education

Opposition

None on file

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



May 4, 2021

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
Room 3162, State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ([ACR 68](#)) – California Student Mental Health Week – May 10-14, 2021

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

I am writing to thank you and express the California Association of School Counselors' (CASC) **STRONG SUPPORT** for **ACR 68 (O'Donnell)** which recognizes the week of May 10-14, 2021 as California Student Mental Health Week. ACR 68 draws attention to the critical mental health needs of California students and directs our action towards intervening and creating positive change in every student's life.

Children and youth mental health issues are real, widespread, and treatable. Numerous studies show high numbers of children and youth who are negatively affected by adverse childhood experiences. Researchers have found that the rate of mental health disorders in children and youth have steadily increased over the past two decades. Tragically, suicide remains the second leading cause of death for adolescents.

2019 data indicates that one in five of our nation's children have a diagnosable mental health issue, and recent research indicates that COVID-19 has had harmful effects on our students' psychological wellbeing. One study revealed a 91% increase in adolescent mental health crises from March 2020 to March 2021. The severe disruption in routines, along with economic concerns, and uncertainties about the future are said to be contributing factors. Mental health professionals suggest that the COVID-19 effects will be long lasting.

Student Mental Health Week can play a critical role in educating students, faculty, caregivers, and the community at-large about the factors related to trauma, depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders. We are urging local education agencies (LEAs) to recognize the likelihood that a large percentage of their student population is suffering emotionally and psychologically. Given that, we are asking LEAs to designate funds and resources to increase mental health services in every school. Likewise, we believe that California needs to invest in mental health services within the public school setting by setting aside specific funds designated for mental health service.

CASC is taking decisive action to promote student mental health during California Student Mental Health Week. We will be offering professional development seminars, providing instructional resources, hosting a virtual parent workshop, and we will be encouraging organizations across California to adopt this proclamation and promote **California's first official Student Mental Health Week** in their communities.

However, while CASC members are making a special effort during the week of May 10-14, 2021 to acknowledge the importance of student mental health, we recognize that year-round attention to this important issue is paramount to the health and success of students in California schools.

Thank you again for your leadership and we would greatly appreciate your support.

Best regards,

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Dr. Loretta Whitson
Executive Director



May 4, 2021

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
Room 3162, State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ([ACR 68](#)) – California Student Mental Health Week – May 10-14, 2021

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

On behalf of the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP), I am writing to express CASP's **SUPPORT** for **ACR 68, (O'Donnell)** which recognizes the week of May 10-14, 2021 as California Student Mental Health Week. ACR 68 draws attention to the critical mental health needs of California students and directs our action towards intervening and creating positive change in every student's life.

CASP is a statewide association that represents over 6,500 credentialed school psychologists and Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEPs) working in the diverse environments of California public and private schools. School psychologists are mental health professionals who have specialized training in both psychology and education. They use their training and skills to team with educators, parents, and other mental health professionals to ensure that every child overcomes barriers and learns in a safe, healthy and supportive environment. Licensed educational psychologists are school psychologists who are licensed to practice privately.

Children and youth mental health issues are real, widespread, and treatable. Numerous studies show high numbers of children and youth who are negatively affected by adverse childhood experiences. Researchers have found that the rate of mental health disorders in children and youth has steadily increased over the past two decades. Tragically, suicide remains the second leading cause of death for adolescents.

COVID-19 has presented a worldwide challenge for schools. California Educators are responding to unprecedented levels of student anxiety, depression, trauma, social isolation, and suicidal ideation. The severe disruption in routines, along with economic concerns, and uncertainties about the future are said to be contributing factors. Mental health professionals suggest that the COVID-19 effects will be long lasting.

Student Mental Health Week can play a critical role in educating students, faculty, caregivers, and the community at-large about the factors related to trauma, depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders. CASP believes that California needs to invest in mental health services within the public school setting by setting aside specific funds designated for mental health service. We deeply appreciate your efforts, through legislation and budget actions, to make that a reality. We look forward to partnering with you on this important work.

CASP is taking decisive action to promote student mental health during California Student Mental Health Week. Our members have been encouraging school boards throughout the state to adopt proclamations for mental health week. We are teaming up with our colleagues, school counselors and school social workers, to heavily promote the week through our social media channels. Our individual members will be taking various actions at the local level to draw attention to mental health week.

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While CASP is making a special effort during the week of May 10-14, 2021 to acknowledge the importance of student mental health, we recognize that year-round attention to this important issue is paramount to the health and success of students in California schools.

Thank you again for your leadership and support.

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Dr. Jeannine Topalian
President
California Association of School Psychologists (CASP)

May 4, 2021



The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
Room 3016, State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 68 – California Student Mental Health Week – May 10-14, 2021

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

I am writing to express the **Humboldt County Office of Education's strong support for ACR 68 (O'Donnell)** which recognizes the week of May 10-14, 2021 as California Student Mental Health Week. ACR 68 draws attention to the critical mental health needs of California students and directs our action towards intervening and creating positive change in every student's life.

Child and youth mental health issues are real, widespread, and treatable. Numerous studies show high numbers of children and youth who are negatively affected by adverse childhood experiences. Researchers have found that the rate of mental health disorders in children and youth have steadily increased over the past two decades. Tragically, suicide remains the second leading cause of death for adolescents.

2019 data indicates that one in five of our nation's children have a diagnosable mental health issue, and recent research indicates that COVID-19 has had harmful effects on our students' psychological wellbeing. One study revealed a 91% increase in adolescent mental health crises from March 2020 to March 2021. The severe disruption in routines, along with economic concerns, and uncertainties about the future are said to be contributing factors. Mental health professionals suggest that the COVID-19 effects will be long lasting.

Student Mental Health Week can play a critical role in educating students, faculty, caregivers, and the community at-large about the factors related to trauma, depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders. We are urging local education agencies to recognize the likelihood that a large percentage of their student population is suffering emotionally and psychologically. We also believe that California needs to invest in mental health services within the public school setting by setting aside specific funds designated for mental health services. We deeply appreciate efforts, through legislation and budget actions, to make that a reality, and look forward to partnering with the Legislature on this important work.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support ACR 68 and thank Assembly Member O'Donnell for his leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Chris Hartley, Ed.D.
Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

CC: Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell
Members, Assembly Rules Committee

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Director

May 3, 2021

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (ACR 68) – California Student Mental Health Week – May 10-14, 2021

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified), I am writing to express our support for resolution ACR 68, which recognizes the week of May 10-14, 2021 as California Student Mental Health Week. ACR 68 draws attention to the critical mental health needs of California students and directs our action towards intervening and creating positive change in every student's life.

Researchers have found that the rate of mental health disorders in children and youth have steadily increased over the past two decades. 2019 data indicates that one in five of our nation's children have a diagnosable mental health issue, and recent research indicates that COVID-19 has had harmful effects on our students' psychological wellbeing. One study revealed a 91% increase in adolescent mental health crises from March 2020 to March 2021. Mental health professionals suggest that the COVID-19 effects will be long lasting.

Over the years, Los Angeles Unified has invested our own resources to establish over 60 school-based health clinics and 15 Wellness Centers that service approximately 40,000 mental health visits annually. At the beginning of the pandemic, we launched a mental health hotline to help students and families, a plan that significantly increased access to mental health services. We continue to strive to address barriers that prevent students from learning and to optimize their health and wellness in order to facilitate academic achievement. As part of the path to recovery for all of our students, we are investing \$170 million in one-time state and federal funds to provide additional counselors and psychiatric social workers at schools to help students process the anxiety and trauma of the past year. These investments are just part of our commitment to make sure every student gets the supports they need and the best possible education.

Student Mental Health Week can play a critical role in educating students, educators, school staff, and the community at-large about the factors related to trauma, depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders. We also believe that California needs to invest in mental health services within the public school setting by increasing Proposition 63 and other health funds designated for school-based mental health services. We greatly appreciate your efforts, through legislation and budget actions, to make that a reality.

For these reasons, Los Angeles Unified supports ACR 68 and strongly urges your "AYE" vote.

Sincerely,

Director of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations
Los Angeles Unified School District



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April 30, 2021

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3162
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 68 (O'Donnell): California Student Mental Health Week (As Introduced April 7, 2021)
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

On behalf of the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, we are pleased to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 68 (O'Donnell), a measure to declare May 10-14, 2021 Student Mental Health Week in California.

Children and youth mental health issues are real, widespread, and treatable. Data from 2019 indicate that one in five of our nation's children has a diagnosable mental health issue, and numerous studies show high numbers of children and youth who are negatively affected by adverse childhood experiences. Researchers have found that the rate of mental health disorders in children and youth has steadily increased over the past two decades. Tragically, suicide remains the second leading cause of death for adolescents.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has exacerbated the mental health issues students are experiencing, which has led to higher rates of depression, anxiety, and self-harm – with a disproportionate impact on students of color and students in poverty. Mental health professionals warn that the COVID-19 effects will be long lasting.

It is critical that every child has ready access to effective and affordable mental health services. This year, the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools has launched a Mental Health Initiative to support student wellbeing and success. The Riverside County Office of Education is collaborating with stakeholders across the county to increase mental health awareness, training, access, and assistance to students and families by establishing wellness centers at various sites within the county to offer a variety of mental health services.

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California also needs to invest in mental health services within the public school setting by allocating funds specifically for mental health services and by coordinating and streamlining the fragmented funding and delivery system. We deeply appreciate recent efforts, through legislation and budget actions, to attempt to make these goals a reality.

Student Mental Health Week can play a critical role in educating students, faculty, caregivers, and the community at-large about the factors related to trauma, depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders. While the Riverside County Office of Education is making special efforts during the week of May 10-14, 2021 to acknowledge the importance of student mental health, we recognize that year-round attention to this important issue is paramount to the health and success of our students.

ACR 68 will draw attention to the critical mental health needs of California's students and will help direct our actions toward intervening and creating positive change in every student's life. For these reasons, we appreciate your introduction of ACR 68 and for your leadership and support of California's students.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Vaca
Chief Governmental Relations Officer
Office of the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

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cc: Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell
Kylie Baranowski, Office of Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell
Riverside County Delegation



Santa Clara County Office of Education

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
Room 3016, State Capitol
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May 4, 2021

RE: ACR 68 (O'Donnell) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) in support of ACR 68, which would recognize the week of May 10-14, 2021 as California Student Mental Health Week. ACR 68 draws attention to the critical mental health needs of California students and directs our action towards intervening and creating positive change in every student's life.

In Santa Clara, and throughout the state, student suicide rates have surged since the start of the pandemic. Intentional self-harm among 13 to 18 year-olds increased by 91%, overdoses increased by 95%, and diagnoses of major depressive disorder increased by 84% in the last year. Mental health professionals suggest that the COVID-19 effects will be long lasting. The severe disruption in routines, along with economic concerns, and uncertainties about the future are said to be contributing factors.

ACR 68 would play a critical role in educating students, faculty, caregivers, and the community at-large about trauma, depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders. 2019 data indicates that one in five of our nation's children has a diagnosable mental health issue. SCCOE is working hard to address this by opening wellness centers to help students access support. ACR 68 furthers SCCOE's commitment to improving equity and access to high quality, inclusive education for all students with a priority focus on student groups that have been historically underserved and impacted by the effects of structural racism and systemic poverty.

The need for student mental health awareness is urgent and important. We strongly support ACR 68.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
County Superintendent
Santa Clara County Office of Education

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 69

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chen)
(Coauthors: Senators Caballero, Nielsen, and Ochoa Bogh)

April 12, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to Older Americans Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 69, as introduced, Nguyen. Older Americans Month.

This bill would recognize the month of May 2021 as Older Americans Month and would encourage all Californians to recognize and treat all older adults with compassion and respect, and to participate in services and activities that contribute to the health, welfare, and happiness of older adults.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Older adults reflect the beauty, strength, and
2 struggle of the people in our state; and

3 WHEREAS, The California Senior Legislature has worked with
4 older adults since 1981 to prioritize legislation on topics such as
5 social services, long-term health, and housing and development;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge the critical
8 contributions older adults have made in our communities to foster
9 inclusivity, diversity, and cultural competency; and

10 WHEREAS, Elder justice assures the right and equitable
11 treatment of older adults in all aspects of life; and

1 WHEREAS, Older adults are the fastest growing population in
2 California, where thousands of Californians turn 65 years of age
3 each day and the number of Californians above 60 years of age is
4 due to increase from 7,600,000 individuals to 10,800,000
5 individuals by the year 2050; and

6 WHEREAS, People of color will make up over one-half of
7 California's senior population by the year 2035, with the Latinx
8 and Asian-Pacific Islander community making up the fastest
9 growing racial and ethnic older adult population; and

10 WHEREAS, Women make up the majority of California's older
11 population; and

12 WHEREAS, The State of California is prioritizing its older
13 adults with a proposed master plan on aging that aims to create
14 streamlined access to care, a properly trained and competent
15 workforce, and a commitment to ensuring older adults may age in
16 their own home with dignity; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
19 recognizes the month of May 2021 as Older Americans Month;
20 and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to
22 recognize and treat all older adults with compassion and respect,
23 and to participate in services and activities that contribute to the
24 health, welfare, and happiness of older adults; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 69 (Nguyen) – As Introduced April 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Older Americans Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of May 2021 as Older Americans Month; and, encourages all Californians to recognize and treat all older adults with compassion and respect, and to participate in services and activities that contribute to the health, welfare, and happiness of older adults. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Older adults reflect the beauty, strength, and struggle of the people in our state. It is important to acknowledge the critical contributions older adults have made in our communities to foster inclusivity, diversity, and cultural competency.
- 2) Older adults are the fastest growing population in California, where thousands of Californians turn 65 years of age each day and the number of Californians above 60 years of age is due to increase from 7,600,000 individuals to 10,800,000 individuals by the year 2050.
- 3) People of color will make up over one-half of California's senior population by the year 2035, with the Latinx and Asian-Pacific Islander community making up the fastest growing racial and ethnic older adult population. And, women make up the majority of California's older population.
- 4) The State of California is prioritizing its older adults with a proposed master plan on aging that aims to create streamlined access to care, a properly trained and competent workforce, and a commitment to ensuring older adults may age in their own home with dignity.
- 5) The California Senior Legislature has worked with older adults since 1981 to prioritize legislation on topics such as social services, long-term health, and housing and development.

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. 75

Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron

April 26, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 75, as introduced, Waldron. Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

This measure would dedicate the month of May 2021 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In the United States, maternal depression is the
2 most common complication of pregnancy. Maternal mental health
3 disorders encompass a range of mental health conditions, such as
4 depression, anxiety, and postpartum psychosis; and

5 WHEREAS, Maternal mental health affects one in five women
6 during or after pregnancy, but all women are at risk of suffering
7 from maternal mental health disorders. Specifically, in California,
8 one in five Californian mothers suffers from pregnancy-related
9 depression; and

10 WHEREAS, Fewer than 15 percent of identified cases of
11 maternal mental health disorders are treated as a result of personal,
12 structural, and systemic barriers within the health care system; and

13 WHEREAS, Untreated maternal mental health disorders
14 significantly and negatively impact the short- and long-term health
15 and well-being of affected women and their children; and

1 WHEREAS, Untreated maternal mental health disorders cause
2 adverse birth outcomes, impaired maternal-infant bonding, poor
3 infant growth, childhood emotional and behavioral problems, and
4 significant medical and economic costs, estimated to be \$22,500
5 per mother; and

6 WHEREAS, Lack of understanding and social stigma of mental
7 health disorders prevent women and families from understanding
8 the signs, symptoms, and risks involved with maternal mental
9 health and disproportionately affect women who lack access to
10 social support networks; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature dedicates the month of
13 May 2021 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; and be
14 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 75 (Waldron) – As Introduced April 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Dedicates the month of May 2021 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In the United States, maternal depression is the most common complication of pregnancy. Maternal mental health disorders encompass a range of mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety, and postpartum psychosis.
- 2) Maternal mental health affects one in five women during or after pregnancy, but all women are at risk of suffering from maternal mental health disorders. Specifically, in California, one in five Californian mothers suffers from pregnancy-related depression.
- 3) Fewer than 15 percent of identified cases of maternal mental health disorders are treated as a result of personal, structural, and systemic barriers within the health care system.
- 4) Untreated maternal mental health disorders significantly and negatively impact the short- and long-term health and well-being of affected women and their children.
- 5) Untreated maternal mental health disorders cause adverse birth outcomes, impaired maternal-infant bonding, poor infant growth, childhood emotional and behavioral problems, and significant medical and economic costs, estimated to be \$22,500 per mother.
- 6) Lack of understanding and social stigma of mental health disorders prevent women and families from understanding the signs, symptoms, and risks involved with maternal mental health and disproportionately affect women who lack access to social support networks.

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. 77

Introduced by Assembly Member Bennett

April 26, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 77—Relative to Sea Level Rise Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 77, as introduced, Bennett. Sea Level Rise Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim May 2021 as Sea Level Rise Awareness Month in California in order to recognize the devastating effects of climate change and encourage local governments to take action.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes that sea level rise will
2 continue to threaten coastal communities and infrastructure through
3 more frequent flooding and inundation, as well as increased cliff,
4 bluff, dune, and beach erosion; and
5 WHEREAS, Human development and pressures from a rising
6 sea threaten the already diminished coastal wetlands along the
7 California coast. Hundreds of miles of roads and railways, harbors
8 and airports, and power plants and wastewater treatment facilities,
9 in addition to thousands of businesses and homes, are at risk from
10 future flooding, inundation, and coastal retreat. The total potential
11 impact of such coastal risks is significantly larger. Not only are
12 economic assets and households in flood zones increasingly
13 exposed, but also people’s safety could be threatened and lives
14 could be disrupted; and

1 WHEREAS, California also has the nation's largest ocean
2 economy, valued at over \$44,000,000,000 per year, with the great
3 majority of California's ocean economy connected to coastal
4 recreation and tourism, as well as ports and shipping. Many of the
5 facilities and much of the infrastructure that support this ocean
6 economy, as well as the state's many miles of public beaches, lie
7 within a few feet of present high tide; and

8 WHEREAS, Sea level rise is a slow-moving threat, but it
9 demands immediate action. Global warming creates extreme
10 hazards that cause significant harm to people, homes, infrastructure,
11 and the environment. Thus, various cities and counties have taken
12 steps to address global warming, including preventing sea level
13 rise; and

14 WHEREAS, Released in March 2016, the City and County of
15 San Francisco's Sea Level Rise Action Plan defines an overarching
16 vision and set of objectives for future sea level rise and coastal
17 flooding planning and mitigation. Through proactive, thoughtful
18 adaptation planning, the City and County of San Francisco intends
19 to minimize risks and meet the challenges posed by rising seas;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise
22 Resiliency District gives the county and its cities the opportunity
23 to coordinate across jurisdictional lines, avoid duplication of
24 efforts, build expertise, and create a unified voice to obtain state
25 and federal funds to address flooding, sea level rise, coastal erosion,
26 and stormwater infrastructure improvements; and

27 WHEREAS, The City of San Diego's landmark Climate Action
28 Plan leads in efforts to mitigate climate change through programs
29 and policies that aim to eliminate one-half of the city's greenhouse
30 gas emissions by 2035; and

31 WHEREAS, The Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency, a
32 joint powers agency consisting of the City of Hayward, the
33 Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, and the East Bay
34 Regional Park District, has greatly served its community by
35 conducting two vulnerability assessments for the Hayward
36 Shoreline and is currently producing a long-range Shoreline Master
37 Plan that will outline adaptation measures to mitigate against sea
38 level rise in order to protect the city's critical infrastructure, natural
39 resources, recreational features, businesses, and residential
40 neighborhoods; and

1 WHEREAS, To combat the effects of climate change, the
2 Orange County Coastkeeper partnered with Coastal Resources
3 Management, Inc. and the Back Bay Science Center to undertake
4 innovative projects such as the eelgrass restoration project and the
5 oyster habitats and, with the help of volunteers, the Orange County
6 Coastkeeper is able to protect the shoreline from erosion and sea
7 level rise; and

8 WHEREAS, The Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans
9 and Nourishment, a joint powers agency spanning the Counties of
10 Santa Barbara and Ventura, has conducted coastal erosion studies
11 and restoration projects within its jurisdiction in coordination with
12 the parks, planning, and public works departments of its member
13 agencies to address sea level rise and coastal erosion; and

14 WHEREAS, It is the obligation of the Legislature to encourage
15 local governments to form coalitions to counter sea level rise and
16 beach erosion and preserve marine life; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 2021 as
19 Sea Level Rise Awareness Month in California in order to
20 recognize the devastating effects of climate change and encourage
21 local governments to take action; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 77 (Bennett) – As Introduced April 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Sea Level Rise Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims May 2021 as Sea Level Rise Awareness Month in California in order to recognize the devastating effects of climate change and encourages local governments to take action. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Human development and pressures from a rising sea threaten the already diminished coastal wetlands along the California coast. Hundreds of miles of roads and railways, harbors and airports, and power plants and wastewater treatment facilities, in addition to thousands of businesses and homes, are at risk from future flooding, inundation, and coastal retreat.
- 2) The total potential impact of such coastal risks is significantly larger. Not only are economic assets and households in flood zones increasingly exposed, but also people's safety could be threatened and lives could be disrupted.
- 3) California also has the nation's largest ocean economy, valued at over \$44,000,000,000 per year, with the great majority of California's ocean economy connected to coastal recreation and tourism, as well as ports and shipping. Many of the facilities and much of the infrastructure that support this ocean economy, as well as the state's many miles of public beaches, lie within a few feet of present high tide.
- 4) Sea level rise is a slow-moving threat, but it demands immediate action. Global warming creates extreme hazards that cause significant harm to people, homes, infrastructure, and the environment. Thus, various cities and counties have taken steps to address global warming, including preventing sea level rise.
- 5) The Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment, a joint powers agency spanning the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura, has conducted coastal erosion studies and restoration projects within its jurisdiction in coordination with the parks, planning, and public works departments of its member agencies to address sea level rise and coastal erosion.

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. 81

Introduced by Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan
(Coauthors: Senators Archuleta and Cortese)

May 3, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 81—Relative to Food Allergy Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 81, as introduced, Bauer-Kahan. Food Allergy Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of May 9, 2021, to May 15, 2021, inclusive, as Food Allergy Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, As many as 32,000,000 Americans have a food
2 allergy; and
3 WHEREAS, Research indicates that the prevalence of food
4 allergies is increasing among children and adults. Nearly 6,000,000
5 children under 18 years of age have a food allergy; and
6 WHEREAS, The nine foods cause the majority of all food
7 allergy reactions in the United States are shellfish, fish, milk, eggs,
8 tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame; and
9 WHEREAS, Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can include
10 hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the
11 throat; and
12 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is
13 rapid in onset and may cause death; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
2 Control and Prevention, food allergies result in more than 200,000
3 ambulatory care visits each year for children under 18 years of
4 age. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly
5 eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

6 WHEREAS, In California, the number of anaphylactic food
7 allergy reactions is up over 300 percent, and out of those reactions,
8 66 percent affect our most vulnerable population: individuals 18
9 years of age and under; and

10 WHEREAS, There is no cure for a food allergy, and scientists
11 do not understand why. Strict avoidance of the offending food is
12 the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

13 WHEREAS, Research suggests that more than one-half of fatal
14 food allergy reactions are triggered by food consumed outside the
15 home. Because epinephrine is the first line of treatment for
16 anaphylaxis, as it is the only medication that can stop an allergic
17 reaction, epinephrine should be readily available and easily
18 accessible in public venues, such as schools and camps; and

19 WHEREAS, The economic burden that is placed on families of
20 individuals with food allergies is mostly composed of the cost of
21 office visits for prescription renewal or diagnosis, which accounts
22 for 52 percent of the cost burden, and emergency room visits,
23 which accounts for 20 percent of the cost burden. The remainder
24 of the economic burden is split between the costs of inpatient
25 hospitalization, outpatient visits, ambulance runs, and epinephrine;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The rate of secondary anaphylactic reactions in
28 known food allergy sufferers occurs more commonly in the rural
29 and urban areas of California; and

30 WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE),
31 Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Connection Team (FAACT),
32 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA), and Allergy
33 and Asthma Network are national nonprofit organizations dedicated
34 to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with
35 food allergies and to providing them hope through the promise of
36 new treatments; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 9, 2021,
39 to May 15, 2021, inclusive, as Food Allergy Awareness Week;
40 and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the residents of this
- 2 state to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies
- 3 and anaphylaxis by visiting www.foodallergyweek.org; and be it
- 4 further
- 5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 6, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 81 (Bauer-Kahan) – As Introduced May 3, 2021

SUBJECT: Food Allergy Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of May 9, 2021, to May 15, 2021, inclusive, as Food Allergy Awareness Week, and encourages Californians to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) As many as 32,000,000 Americans have a food allergy. Research indicates that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children and adults. Nearly 6,000,000 children under 18 years of age have a food allergy.
- 2) The nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States are shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame.
- 3) Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death.
- 4) In California, the number of anaphylactic food allergy reactions is up over 300 percent, and out of those reactions, 66 percent affect our most vulnerable population: individuals 18 years of age and under.
- 5) Research suggests that more than one-half of fatal food allergy reactions are triggered by food consumed outside the home. Because epinephrine is the first line of treatment for anaphylaxis, as it is the only medication that can stop an allergic reaction, epinephrine should be readily available and easily accessible in public venues, such as schools and camps.
- 6) The economic burden that is placed on families of individuals with food allergies is mostly composed of the cost of office visits for prescription renewal or diagnosis, which accounts for 52 percent of the cost burden, and emergency room visits, which accounts for 20 percent of the cost burden. The remainder of the economic burden is split between the costs of inpatient hospitalization, outpatient visits, ambulance runs, and epinephrine.
- 7) Numerous national nonprofit organizations are dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Kaleo
Mindful Change Consulting

Opposition

None on file

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



May 5, 2021

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ACR 81 (BAUER-KAHAN) FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Cooley:

On behalf of Kaléo, I would like to express our support for ACR 81 (Bauer-Kahan) which would declare the week of May 9, 2021, to May 15, 2021, inclusive, as Food Allergy Awareness Week.

Children and adults throughout California are faced with life threatening food allergies. As many as 32,000,000 Americans, including nearly 6,000,000 children under the age of 18, have a food allergy. The number of anaphylactic food allergy reactions in the state has increased by over 300 percent and disproportionately affects our youth. Food allergies are not curable, epinephrine is the primary initial treatment of anaphylaxis. Prompt prehospital epinephrine injection is associated with a lower risk of hospitalization and fatality. The faster it is given, the better. Public awareness, education and access to life saving epinephrine are detrimental in combating allergic reactions.

Kaléo is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to building innovative solutions for serious and life-threatening medical conditions, including allergic reactions to foods. Our mission is to provide innovative solutions that empower patients to confidently take control of their medical conditions. We believe patients and caregivers are the experts on how their medical condition impacts their lives, and are an integral part of our product development process. Each kaléo product combines an established drug with an innovative delivery platform with the goal of achieving superiority and cost effectiveness.

We look forward to working with you in the future to raise awareness about food allergies and protect the public health of Californians. Should you have any questions, please contact our lobbyist, Dean Grafilo of Capitol Advocacy, at (916) 444-0400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary L. Riddle', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gary L. Riddle, MPA
Director, Government and Community Relations
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May 5th, 2021

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: ACR 81(Bauer-Kahan) Food Allergy Awareness Week - Support

Dear Chair Cooley,

I am pleased to write in strong support of Assemblymember Bauer- Kahan resolution, ACR 81, relating to National Food Allergy Week. Mindful Change Consulting's mission is to help food allergy families, by providing food allergy advocacy, educational information on food allergies and by spreading awareness of how serious food allergies are within our greater community.

As you know, approximately 32 million Americans have life threatening food allergies, which can quickly turn to anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can occur quickly and is potentially lethal.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergies result in more than 200,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18 years of age. Anaphylactic food reactions have increased 377% from 2007 to 2016 across the country. California alone has seen an increase in food allergy related insurance claims of 316%, from 2009 to 2016.

ACR 81 focuses on our most vulnerable population and the economic burden that is placed on food allergy families. The economic burden of allergic reactions caused by food and anaphylaxis in the United States was estimated at half a billion dollars; either it be the cost of office visits (renewal of Rx or diagnosis - this accounts for 52% of the burden of cost) or ER visits (20% of burden of cost), the reminder is split between inpatient hospitalization, outpatient visits, ambulance runs, and cost of epinephrine.

I am grateful you are willing to be a leader on this issue for those of us who cannot afford the life saving epinephrine or the office visit cost to renew a prescription. We know with certainty ACR 81 WILL spread awareness during

National Food Allergy Week about the continued economic burden food allergy families suffer from. I look forward to working with you in the future to raise awareness about food allergies. If you have any questions please feel free to reach me at 408-313-1317 or at yeatsassociates@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dana Yeats
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