

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 103 (Addis)

As Introduced June 25, 2025

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Proclaims the week of July 14, 2025, to July 18, 2025, inclusive, to be California Western Monarch Protection Week.

Major Provisions

- 1) The western monarch butterfly is known for its astonishing long-distance annual migration to overwintering habitats along the central coast of California.
- 2) In late November, western monarchs migrate to the California coast and spend the winter clustering in groves of pine, cypress, and eucalyptus trees.
- 3) As temperatures warm and daylight hours increase in February, western monarchs mate and migrate inland to lay eggs on emerging milkweeds.
- 4) Over the past quarter century, the number of monarchs recorded during the peak of the migration season has fallen a staggering 81%, from 1,235,490 monarchs to just 233,394 monarchs last year.
- 5) Monarch populations are declining due to the loss and degradation of breeding, migratory, and overwintering habitat, climate change, and the use of certain herbicides and insecticides that harm milkweed.
- 6) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as of 2024, is proposing protections for the monarch butterfly and encouraging public involvement in its recovery, including the designation of over 4,300 acres in California as critical habitat.
- 7) Recognition of California Western Monarch Protection Week will have a positive impact by raising public awareness, promoting conservation efforts, and inspiring community action to protect monarch butterflies and their habitats.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

This resolution is necessary to raise awareness about the alarming decline of the Western Monarch Butterfly population, and to promote conservation efforts across California. The monarch's remarkable migration to the Central Coast is not only an ecological treasure but also a vital contributor to local tourism and environmental health.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 8-0-3

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Irwin, Krell, Patel, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez

ABS, ABST OR NV: Flora, Mark González, Zbur

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