Date of Hearing: July 7, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 104 (Wallis) – As Introduced June 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Outdoor Worker Appreciation Week

SUMMARY: Recognizes July 14, 2025, to July 20, 2025, inclusive, as Outdoor Worker Appreciation Week to honor the unwavering commitment and dedication of outdoor workers to their professions. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

1) Outdoor workers provide many essential services across California, including emergency services, landscaping, renewable energy, public utilities, agriculture, professional sports, tourism, and construction.

2) These workers face extreme conditions in California's deserts, where summer temperatures regularly exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit and can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit, posing significant risks of heat illness and death.

3) Climate change exacerbates heat risks, disproportionately impacting low-income and minority workers who face occupational hazards in vital industries. State regulations require employers to protect outdoor workers by providing adequate water, shade, rest breaks, and heat illness prevention plans to mitigate risks.

4) The City of Palm Desert, through local initiatives, hosted a successful event on July 20, 2024, providing food, water, cooling neck gaiters, and public recognition for outdoor workers, raising community awareness.

5) Outdoor workers endure physical exertion, occupational hazards, and exposure to extreme weather, including wildfire smoke and heat, yet their indispensable contributions to California's communities often go unrecognized.

6) Recognizing and appreciating outdoor workers promotes safer working conditions, improved productivity, and greater public awareness of their challenges.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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