

Date of Hearing: July 14, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 106 (Kalra) – As Introduced July 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

SUMMARY: Declares November 2025 as Court Adoption and Permanency Month, and encourages the courts and their communities to join in activities to promote permanency. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Juvenile court judges are uniquely responsible for the care, supervision, custody, and support of the children under the court's jurisdiction, and provide active leadership within the community to ensure that resources are available to serve families and children.
- 2) In order to reinforce the benefits of in-home care, the Judicial Council, courts, and justice partners have focused on a kin-first culture system where parents and their families help determine the safest place for the child within a family, community, or tribe.
- 3) Kinship care provides a protective effect that benefits youth mental health outcomes and is associated with higher placement stability and permanency compared to traditional foster care placements.
- 4) Children in kinship care experience fewer behavioral health problems, experience less placement disruption, and require fewer mental health services than youth in a nonrelative placement. Children with a first placement with relatives or extended family members are three times more likely to remain in their first placement after 12 months.
- 5) California is a proponent of kinship care, and provides financial and social supports to relative caregivers as a way to strengthen family connections and improve the well-being of foster youth.
- 6) The Judicial Council remains committed to working with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and communities to provide children and families with access to fair, understandable judicial proceedings that lead to timely, well-informed, and just permanency outcomes.

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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