

Date of Hearing: January 12, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

ACR 115 (Bennett) – As Introduced January 6, 2026

SUBJECT: National Blood Donor Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes January as National Blood Donor Month and recognizes volunteer blood donors for their generous gifts. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 50 years ago, January was designated as National Blood Donor Month, as an annual observance meant to honor voluntary blood donors and encourage more people to donate blood at a time when blood supplies are historically low.
- 2) Community blood centers have been serving their communities with the collection and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products to patients in their local hospitals for more than 70 years.
- 3) In our communities, the need for a diverse blood supply is constant, but the supply is not. This makes volunteer blood donors the foundation for ensuring a safe and stable supply of blood products are available to help meet the medical needs of patients nationwide.
- 4) With the recent adoption of prehospital blood transfusion programs prior to an individual's arrival at the hospital, partnerships between community blood centers, hospitals, and emergency medical service agencies to transfuse trauma victims out in the field, such as the scene of a car accident, is increasing survival rates.
- 5) Patients requiring blood transfusions include cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, newborn babies and their mothers, transplant recipients, surgery patients, chronically transfused patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia, and many more.

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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