

**THIRD READING**

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Bill No: ACR 115  
Author: Bennett (D), et al.  
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Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** National Blood Donor Month

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution recognizes the month of January as National Blood Donor Month in the State of California.

**ANALYSIS:** 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) A blood transfusion occurs in the United States every two seconds, but only 3 percent of the eligible population actually donate blood, bringing about chronic blood shortages nationwide that have exposed the vulnerability of our nation's blood supply and revealed its need to be included in emergency preparedness plans.
- 3) 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. 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.

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**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No    Fiscal Com.: No    Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 1/21/26)

Blood Centers of California

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 1/21/26)

None received

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