

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 128 (Stefani) – As Introduced January 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Day of Solidarity with Ukraine.

SUMMARY: Recognizes February 24, 2026, as a Day of Solidarity with Ukraine, honoring the resilience of the Ukrainian people and acknowledging the ongoing impact of the war on youth, families, and communities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to one of the largest Ukrainian communities in the United States, with more than 100,000 Ukrainian Americans residing across the state and significant populations in Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay area, and Los Angeles.
- 2) Ukrainian migration to California dates back to the late 19th century, and generations of Ukrainian immigrants have contributed to California's cultural, educational, economic, artistic, and civic life.
- 3) According to United States Census Bureau data, Sacramento ranks first in the nation in the share of its population who are Ukrainian immigrants, and communities across California maintain strong linguistic, cultural, and familial ties to Ukraine.
- 4) On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, triggering the largest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II, displacing millions, and causing widespread civilian casualties, trauma, separation of families, and destruction of homes, schools, and infrastructure.
- 5) Ukrainian refugees, including children, youth, and families fleeing violence, have settled in California seeking safety, stability, and community support, contributing to the state's diversity while facing challenges related to housing, education, mental health, and integration.
- 6) Across California, local governments, schools, universities, youth-led organizations, nonprofit organizations, and community groups have mobilized to support Ukrainians by providing housing assistance, humanitarian aid, mental health resources, legal support, cultural programming, and educational opportunities.
- 7) February 24 marks both a solemn anniversary and a powerful reminder of the ongoing fight for peace, democracy, self-determination, and human rights in Ukraine, and establishing this date as a Day of Solidarity allows Californians to honor those impacted, uplift Ukrainian voices, and reaffirm California's commitment to global justice and human dignity.
- 8) Recognizing a statewide Day of Solidarity supports public education, fosters intercultural understanding, and strengthens connections between California's diverse communities and the Ukrainian diaspora.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Slavic Voice 4 Ukraine

Opposition

None on file

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