

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 143 (Pacheco)
As Introduced February 19, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Proclaims the week of April 19, 2026, to April 25, 2026, to be California Cities Week; and, encourages all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government.

Major Provisions

- 1) Cities first arose when eight California municipalities incorporated in 1850 to provide essential safety and health services to the rapidly growing population of the territory of California, due to the periods of economic prosperity and immigration that followed the Gold Rush and both world wars.
- 2) Today, California's 483 cities and towns vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout the state, from small rural neighborhoods to large urban regions.
- 3) The California Constitution grants several powers to cities, including the authority to promote and regulate public safety, the authority to raise revenue for public purposes, and the power to operate public works to furnish residents with light, water, power, heat, transportation, and communication.
- 4) Cities provide millions of Californians with essential services, including public libraries, fire departments, police departments, emergency medical and disaster response, parks and recreation, childcare, community and human services programs, solid waste and recycling management, water, sewer, utilities, land use planning, housing, economic development, transportation planning, maintenance of streets and roads, telecommunications, and more.
- 5) While cities differ in matters of population, geography, and economy, they share essential beliefs and values. Cities remain transparent and accountable to the communities they serve, and have earned the trust placed in them by local residents.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

ACR 143 would proclaim the week of April 19, 2026, to April 25, 2026, to be Cities Week, and would encourage all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government.

Arguments in Support

The California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) writes in support: "CMUA's city members help keep the lights on and the water flowing for customers across the state. The tireless work of our members ensures that our customers know they have safe, affordable, and reliable utility services."

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 10-0-0

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

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