

Date of Hearing: April 13, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 170 (Wallis) – As Introduced March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Mosquito Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares that the week of April 19, 2026, to April 25, 2026, inclusive, be designated as Mosquito Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The United States Environmental Protection Agency recognizes that mosquito-borne diseases are currently among the world's leading causes of illness and death. And, the World Health Organization estimates that more than 300 million clinical cases each year are attributable to mosquito-borne illnesses.
- 2) Excess numbers of mosquitoes and other vectors spread diseases, reduce the enjoyment of both public and private outdoor living spaces, reduce property values, hinder outdoor work, reduce livestock productivity, and have a negative impact on the environment.
- 3) Climate change is driving extreme weather events, including heavy rains, flooding, hurricanes, and wildfire burn scars, that expand mosquito breeding habitats, prolongs mosquito seasons, accelerates the spread of the invasive and costly to control *Aedes* species, and forces mosquito control agencies into reactive public health responses.
- 4) Adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance, and public awareness programs, coupled with best management practices on public and private lands, are the best ways to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors.
- 5) Professional mosquito and vector control, based on scientific research, has made great advances in safely reducing mosquito and vector populations and the diseases they transmit.
- 6) In 2019, the Legislature established the California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program to support advanced data collection and analysis tools, such as the California Vectorborne Disease Surveillance System (CalSurv), and to foster collaborative research in vector control.
- 7) Mosquito and vector control districts throughout California work closely with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Public Health to reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals, and the environment while protecting human health from mosquito-borne and vector-borne diseases and nuisances.
- 8) Best management practices, emphasizing nonchemical approaches, have been developed to guide mosquito control that can significantly reduce mosquito populations for new developments and on state and private lands.

- 9) The public's awareness of the health benefits associated with safe, professionally applied mosquito and vector control methods will support these efforts, as well as motivate the state and the public to eliminate mosquito and vector breeding sites on public and private property.
- 10) Educational programs have been developed to include schools, civic groups, private industry, and government agencies in order to meet the public's need for information about West Nile virus, other diseases, and mosquito and vector biology and control.
- 11) Mosquito Awareness Week will increase the public's awareness of the threat of dengue, West Nile virus, and other diseases, and the activities of the various mosquito vector research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat within California, and will highlight the educational programs currently available.

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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