

Date of Hearing: April 13, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 171 (Celeste Rodriguez) – As Introduced April 6, 2026

SUBJECT: California Home Visiting Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of April 20, 2026, to April 24, 2026, inclusive, as California Home Visiting Week; and, encourages all Californians to recognize and celebrate the contributions of home visiting programs and professionals and the families they serve. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Home visiting programs are voluntary, evidence-based strategies that provide family-centered support to pregnant people and families with infants and young children, connecting them to health care, child development resources, and community supports.
- 2) Evidence-based home visiting models identified by the federal Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) project have demonstrated positive outcomes, including improved maternal and child health, enhanced child development and school readiness, strengthened parenting practices, and reductions in child maltreatment.
- 3) In California, programs such as the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program and the California Home Visiting Program serve families across diverse communities, prioritizing those facing economic hardship and structural inequities, and have supported tens of thousands of families with young children.
- 4) Home visiting programs support families during pregnancy and the earliest years of life by promoting healthy prenatal behaviors, supporting positive birth outcomes, helping parents understand and respond to their child's developmental needs, and supporting their educational and career goals.
- 5) Home visiting programs strengthen protective relationships between caregivers and children, helping to buffer the effects of toxic stress and promote safe, stable, and nurturing environments.
- 6) Research from Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research indicates that states that make stronger investments in early childhood supports and education systems are better positioned to improve student outcomes and reduce achievement and opportunity gaps over time.
- 7) California has made meaningful progress in building a statewide home visiting infrastructure through coordinated federal, state, and local investments and partnerships among public health agencies, human services departments, First 5 leaders, community-based organizations, and health care providers.
- 8) Despite this progress, many eligible families in California remain unserved, underscoring the importance of continued coordination, investment, and system-building to ensure equitable access to home visiting services early in a child's life.

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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