

Date of Hearing: April 20, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 178 (Flora) – As Introduced April 16, 2026

SUBJECT: National Rendering Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 21, 2026, as National Rendering Day; and, commends the rendering industry and its workers for their vital contributions to environmental stewardship, public health, feeding the world, reducing food waste, and strengthening the economy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The burden of responsibility for feeding the world extends beyond the farm, and rendering plays a critical role in ensuring we can meet the growing global demand for food, feed, and fuel while helping to reduce food waste and loss.
- 2) Up to one-half of each animal produced for meat is not consumed by humans due to North American consumer preferences, and rendering recycles these animal products into valuable ingredients for animal feed, renewable fuels, fertilizers, and other everyday products that would otherwise take up an enormous amount of precious landfill space and create public health concerns.
- 3) Renderers also collect billions of pounds of used cooking oil from restaurants and food manufacturers for upcycling into sustainable fuels, including biodiesel, that power trucks, trains, water vessels, and other vehicles.
- 4) Rendering is an essential, environmentally friendly process that significantly contributes to sustainability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving landfill space, supporting a circular economy, and reducing reliance on imported resources.
- 5) Renderers play an important role in reducing food loss and waste, sustainably recycling valuable agricultural resources and positively contributing to local, state, national, and international economies.
- 6) It is no coincidence that National Rendering Day falls on the day before Earth Day, as renderers, dubbed the “original recyclers,” have been silently cleaning up our communities for centuries by ensuring no part of the animal is wasted and by helping drive forward a circular economy.
- 7) National Rendering Day is observed annually on April 21 to raise awareness of the essential services provided by the rendering industry and its contributions to sustainability, public health, and the economy.

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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