

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 178 (Flora)

As Introduced April 16, 2026

Majority vote

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.

Major Provisions

- 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.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

National Rendering Day highlights the important contributions made by the rendering industry to public health, environmental sustainability, and the economy. Rendering plays a vital role in

safely managing animal byproducts, reducing landfill waste, and supporting renewable energy and agricultural systems. This resolution provides an opportunity for the Legislature to acknowledge the industry's contributions and raise awareness of its importance.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

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

VOTES

ASM RULES: 8-0-2

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

ABS, ABST OR NV: Lackey, Zbur

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