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THIRD READING

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Bill No: ACR 183  
Author: Sharp-Collins (D), et al.  
Introduced: 4/23/26  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Black Health Equity Advocacy Week

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution recognizes May 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, inclusive, and every first week of May thereafter, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week, and commends the California Black Health Network and other organizations throughout the state for their efforts to improve the health, well-being, and life expectancy of Black Californians.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The life expectancy at birth for Black Californians is 76.2 years of age, five years shorter than the state average and the lowest life expectancy of all racial and ethnic groups.
- 2) Black Californians experience the highest death rates from breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer compared to all racial groups. Black birthing people in California were six times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than White birthing people, 56.2 compared to 9.4 pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000, respectively.
- 3) In an effort to bring awareness to the long-standing structural inequities that negatively impact the health and well-being of Black Californians, as well as to uplift existing efforts to address such inequities and dismantle the environmental and systemic barriers that contribute to disproportionate health outcomes and achieve racial justice, social justice, and environmental justice, the California Black Health Network is recognizing May 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, and every first week of May thereafter, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week.

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**Related/Prior Legislation**

ACR 53 (Weber, Resolution Chapter 91, Statutes of 2023)

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 5/12/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 5/12/26)

None received

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