

Date of Hearing: May 4, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 184 (Rivas) – As Introduced April 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Stuttering Awareness and Acceptance Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of May 10, 2026, to May 16, 2026, inclusive, as 2026 Stuttering Awareness and Acceptance Week; and, encourages all Californians to support the stuttering community. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Stuttering is a speech dysfluency characterized by repetition of sounds, syllables, or words, prolongation of sounds, and interruptions in speech. It is estimated that about one percent of the world's population stutters and roughly three million Americans stutter.
- 2) Many stutterers feel frustration and embarrassment that can lead to harmful emotional stress. Stuttering is a form of speech diversity and should be recognized as simply a different way of speaking. When stuttering continues into adulthood, a person may have difficulty communicating with other people, and stuttering may affect a person's quality of life, interpersonal relationships, job opportunities, and professional growth.
- 3) During National Stuttering Awareness Week, many seek to raise awareness about communication disorders and the many ways that people with the daily challenges of stuttering can be supported.
- 4) Organizations dedicated to bringing hope and empowerment to children and adults who stutter through support, education, and advocacy have locations throughout California.
- 5) Raising awareness of speech disabilities and stuttering involves awareness not only of individuals, but also unique individual needs and contributions. As stuttering awareness campaigns have become more common, so too has public awareness and acceptance.
- 6) Progress towards awareness and acceptance is to be both celebrated and built upon. The opportunity for inclusiveness is the next logical step in the progress California must make to not only fully support and welcome the voices of people who stutter, but to also show their voices are needed.

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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