
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 189
Author: Ahrens (D), et al.
Introduced: 4/30/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Foster Youth Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims the month of May 2026 as Foster Youth Awareness Month in California.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California's children and youth are our hope for the future, and all children deserve a safe, loving, accepting, stable, and nurturing home. Preserving families is the primary goal of the child welfare system.
- 2) A child's success is best supported in a child welfare system that is family-focused, child-centered, and community-based.
- 3) One-half of all children in foster care have endured four or more adverse childhood experiences such as abuse, neglect, and abandonment, which can negatively impact their health and development.
- 4) California recognizes the enduring and valuable contribution of relatives and foster and adoptive parents who open their hearts, families, and homes to vulnerable children and youth.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SR 10 (Wahab, Ashby, Rubio, 2025) – Adopted by the Senate.
SCR 147 (Grove, Newman, Wahab, Resolution Chapter 121, Statutes of 2024)
SCR 65 (Ashby, Resolution Chapter 102, Statutes of 2023)

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/19/26)

California Alliance of Child and Family Services

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/19/26)

None received

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