

Date of Hearing: May 11, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 196 (Solache) – As Introduced May 4, 2026

SUBJECT: California Small Business Month.

SUMMARY: Declares May as California Small Business Month, in celebration of the contributions small businesses make to our economy, culture, and communities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to more than 4.1 million small businesses, representing over 99 percent of all businesses in the state, and serving as the foundation of the world’s fourth largest economy.
- 2) Small businesses in California employ approximately 7.5 million workers, nearly one-half of the state’s private workforce, driving innovation, creating jobs, and serving as vital pillars of local communities.
- 3) California’s dynamic and competitive economic environment, coupled with a robust regulatory framework focused on sustainability, equity, and consumer protection, positions small businesses to thrive in a forward-looking, innovation-led economy.
- 4) Small businesses in California have demonstrated exceptional resilience and adaptability, successfully navigating one of the most competitive landscapes in the nation, while continuing to lead in sectors such as clean energy, biotechnology, food innovation, and digital commerce.
- 5) Minority-owned small businesses contribute nearly \$193 billion in economic output per year, supporting 2.5 million jobs in California each year and generating \$28.7 billion in tax revenue, which helps fund essential services such as education, infrastructure, and housing.
- 6) Small businesses play a crucial role in addressing affordability issues in California by creating local jobs, offering community-based services, reducing commute times, and contributing to more equitable economic development.

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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