

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 200 (Alanis) – As Introduced May 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Missing Children’s Day.

SUMMARY: Declares May 25, 2026, as Missing Children’s Day in the State of California; and, recognizes the efforts of families, law enforcement, and organizations that work to bring missing children home. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) May 25th has been nationally recognized as National Missing Children’s Day since 1983 and internationally recognized as International Missing Children’s Day since 2001.
- 2) National Missing Children’s Day was established in honor of Etan Patz, a six-year-old boy who disappeared on his way to school in New York City in 1979, whose case became a symbol of the movement to protect missing children in the United States.
- 3) The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was established by John and Revé Walsh after the abduction and murder of their six-year-old son Adam when they channeled their painful experience of losing Adam to create NCMEC in 1984.
- 4) Today, the NCMEC operates 16 congressionally designated programs to find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization. In 2025, the NCMEC received over 130,000 calls related to missing and exploited children through its national toll-free hotline.
- 5) In 2025, the NCMEC received more than 32,000 reports of missing children, including 1,842 reports of missing children from California.
- 6) The NCMEC manages the America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert Secondary Distribution Program and, as of December 2025, more than 1,300 children have been recovered as a result of AMBER Alert activations.

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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