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THIRD READING

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Bill No: ACR 203  
Author: Hoover (R), et al.  
Introduced: 5/11/26  
Vote: 21

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ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 68-0, 5/21/26 (Consent) - See last page for vote

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**SUBJECT:** Lyme Disease Awareness Month

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims the month of May 2026 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

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

- 1) Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is primarily transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. The disease was first identified in North America in the 1970s in Lyme, Connecticut, for which it was named, and since that time, the disease has been found in all 50 states in the United States. The reach of Lyme disease is global, having been reported in more than 60 countries on six continents and several islands.
- 2) In California, the Lyme disease bacterium is transmitted by the western blacklegged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*). Ticks are active year round, especially when it is wet. Thus, this tick is most common in the coastal regions and along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada range, but has been found in 56 of California's 58 counties.
- 3) Recently, three new borrelia species belonging to the Lyme disease spirochetal complex have been described, increasing the number of these bacteria known to occur in California to five, making California the focus of more distinct borrelia species than any other geographical region in the United States. The Legislature finds that Lyme disease presents a health threat to Californians.

This resolution proclaims the month of May 2026 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

**Related/Prior Legislation**

ACR 84 (Hoover, Resolution Chapter 105, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 170 (Hoover, Resolution Chapter 99, Statutes of 2024)

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 6/2/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 6/2/26)

None received

**ASSEMBLY FLOOR:** 68-0, 5/21/26

**AYES:** Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gallagher, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lee, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Zbur, Rivas

**NO VOTE RECORDED:** Arambula, Chen, Gabriel, Garcia, Hoover, Lackey, Lowenthal, Ramos, Celeste Rodriguez, Schultz, Wicks, Wilson

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