

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 205 (Lackey) – As Introduced May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of June 2026 as Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month in the State of California; and, honors the ongoing efforts of national and California-based organizations, advocates, and families working to raise awareness of the virus and support those impacted by this condition. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) is a common virus that infects people of all ages and is the most common infectious cause of birth defects in the United States, affecting approximately 1 in 200 infants.
- 2) Approximately 1 in 5 children born with cCMV will experience permanent health problems, including hearing loss, vision impairment, developmental and motor delays, and other serious medical conditions. cCMV is a leading nongenetic cause of childhood hearing loss.
- 3) Despite its prevalence and potential severity, awareness of cCMV among pregnant individuals and the general public remains low.
- 4) Increased public awareness and education about cCMV, including preventative hygiene practices during pregnancy, have the potential to reduce transmission and improve maternal and child health outcomes.
- 5) Families affected by cCMV often face complex medical, emotional, and caregiving challenges and benefit from increased awareness, support, and access to resources.
- 6) The State of California recognizes the importance of collaborative efforts among health care providers, advocacy organizations, and community leaders to improve awareness, prevention, and outcomes related to cCMV.

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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