

## ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 205 (Lackey)

As Introduced May 13, 2026

Majority vote

**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.

**Major Provisions**

- 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.

**COMMENTS****According to the Author**

Declaring June 2026 as Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) Awareness Month is important because cCMV is the most common congenital infection in the United States, yet public awareness remains very low. Increased education can help families and healthcare providers better understand prevention, early detection, and available interventions that can reduce lifelong health impacts for children.

**Arguments in Support**

None on file

**Arguments in Opposition**

None on file

**FISCAL COMMENTS**

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**VOTES**

**ASM RULES: 9-0-1**

**YES:** Pacheco, Lackey, Ta, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Ahrens

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