
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 205
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SUBJECT: Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution declares the month of June 2026 as Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month.

ANALYSIS: 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) Despite its prevalence and potential severity, awareness of cCMV among pregnant individuals and the general public remains low.
- 3) 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.
- 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) Advocacy organizations, including the National CMV Foundation, along with dedicated California-based advocates and community leaders, are working to increase awareness, support affected families, and advance research efforts related to cCMV.
- 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.

This resolution encourages health care providers, public health agencies, and community organizations to promote education and awareness of cCMV to improve maternal and child health outcomes across California.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/8/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/8/26)

None received

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