

THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 213
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Introduced: 5/28/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates the month of September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Many children in California are afflicted with cancer, experiencing enormous pain and suffering, and they and their families require extraordinary levels of information and support in their struggles against this disease.
- 2) The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) provides over \$3 billion total in funding for stem cell research and therapy development, including cancer research, making the State of California a leader in the nation for funding and research, but more targeted efforts on childhood cancer are still needed.
- 3) California is number one in the country for pediatric leukemia incidence rates and number 21 in the country for overall incidence rates.
- 4) As a result of major treatment advances in recent decades, more than 85% of children with cancer now survive five years or more.
- 5) California has many of the world's finest medical, academic, and commercial institutions, and the treatment of cancer requires a high level of commitment to provide the necessary resources and research that not only Californians have access to, but families all across the United States and the world travel to California for its extraordinary treatment and clinical trials.

This resolution supports young Californians who are fighting cancer, honors young people who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, expresses gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and parents who provide special care to patients and families affected by childhood cancer, and encourages all residents in this state to join the fight against childhood cancer.

Related/Prior Legislation

HR 118 (Gabriel, 2024, Adopted in Assembly)

SR 122 (Roth, 2024, Adopted in Senate)

SCR 80 (Roth, Chapter 202, Statutes of 2024)

SCR 71 (Rubio, Chapter 7, Statutes of 2024)

SR 53 (Rubio, Cortese, 2025, Adopted in Senate)

HR 60 (Gabriel, 2025, Adopted in Assembly)

SR 126 (Rubio, 2026, Adopted in Senate)

SR 126 (Perez, 2026, Introduced in Senate; Held in Rules)

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/10/26)

Joey's Wings Foundation

Mithil Prasad Foundation

Neev Kolte Foundation

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/10/26)

None received

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