

Date of Hearing: June 15, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 222 (Michelle Rodriguez) – As Introduced June 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Alzheimer’s Disease and Brain Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares June 2026 as Alzheimer’s Disease and Brain Awareness Month; and, urges all Californians to commemorate the month of June 2026 as Alzheimer’s Disease and Brain Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Brain health is a lifelong priority, not an issue limited to older age.
- 2) The month of June 2026 has been declared Alzheimer’s Disease and Brain Awareness Month to help educate the public on this debilitating disease, increase efforts to combat its human and economic costs, and encourage all Californians to take charge of their brain health.
- 3) This month is designed to raise awareness to understand how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline as a public health priority. There are meaningful actions that can protect brain health, and this month brings attention to ensure that science reaches people and systems in ways that make a real difference. By building momentum to connect efforts across individuals, communities, workplaces, and health care, we can build a more equitable framework to support cognitive health and help reduce dementia risk for everyone.
- 4) California has 720,000 residents living with Alzheimer’s disease, more than any other state in the nation. Alzheimer’s disease was the leading cause of death in adults 85 years of age and older, and the second leading cause of death overall, in California in 2024, as stated in the 2026 California State of Public Health Report.
- 5) Recent research published by the State Department of Public Health in 2021 indicates that, over the next 20 years, the impact of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia will increase dramatically. While the population of California will expand by 16 percent, the population of people living with Alzheimer’s disease will expand by 127 percent.
- 6) Research on the expansion of people living with Alzheimer’s disease showed communities of color will shoulder a disproportionate share of the increase in the prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease. The number of Latinx or Hispanic Californians living with Alzheimer’s disease will nearly triple by 2040. Additionally, the number of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders living with Alzheimer’s disease will more than double.
- 7) Disparities in detection and diagnosis persist, resulting in less than 50 percent of individuals affected by the disease receiving a formal diagnosis that is disclosed to them by a clinician and documented in their medical record.
- 8) Californians invest in Alzheimer’s disease research through the voluntary contribution funds and have raised more than \$25 million since its inception for research into treatments to slow the progression of, and develop a cure for, the disease.

- 9) Individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers need acknowledgment, support, and services to meet their needs over the lengthy progression of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

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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