

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 222 (Michelle Rodriguez)
As Introduced June 4, 2026
Majority vote

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.

Major Provisions

- 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%, the population of people living with Alzheimer's disease will expand by 127%.
- 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% 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.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

An estimated 720,000 Californians have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, more than any other state. Alzheimer's disease also disproportionately affects women, Latinos, Black Americans, and individuals with Down Syndrome. The State Department of Health indicated in 2021 that the population living with Alzheimer's will expand by 127% by 2041. It is essential that these individuals have their needs for support and services acknowledged.

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: 10-0-0

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Ta, Zbur

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