

Date of Hearing: June 29, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 226 (Wilson) – As Introduced June 16, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Black Girl Joy Day.

**SUMMARY:** Designates August 10, 2026, and August 10 of each subsequent year thereafter, as Black Girl Joy Day, to recognize and celebrate the unique contributions and experiences of Black girls, and promote a culture of joy, empowerment, and equity throughout the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Black girls in California, from a young age, make significant contributions to the social, cultural, economic, and political landscape of the state, often overcoming substantial systemic barriers and navigating challenging youth experiences to achieve excellence and drive positive change.
- 2) Data from the State Department of Education indicates that Black girls represent a vibrant and dynamic segment of the student population, with many excelling in academics, arts, athletics, and community service despite facing disproportionate challenges in the form of higher suspension rates, lower graduation rates, and limited access to advanced coursework compared to their peers.
- 3) Black girls face disproportionate rates of violence, including higher rates of school discipline, juvenile justice involvement, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and exposure to community violence, all of which impact their mental and physical health, educational attainment, and overall well-being.
- 4) The Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention highlights that Black girls in California experience higher levels of psychological stress and lower levels of access to mental health resources, necessitating a day to focus on their mental health, well-being, and joy.
- 5) It is imperative to acknowledge and celebrate the resilience, creativity, brilliance, beauty, and leadership of Black girls, recognizing their potential to shape the future of California.
- 6) Black Girl Joy Day seeks to uplift and celebrate the unique experiences and contributions of Black girls in California, fostering an environment where their voices are heard, their talents are recognized, and their achievements are celebrated.
- 7) Celebrating Black Girl Joy Day on August 10 will provide a platform for community organizations, schools, and individuals to engage in activities and programs that promote the well-being, empowerment, and joy of Black girls across the state.
- 8) Celebrating Black Girl Joy Day aligns with the Legislature's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, reaffirming the state's dedication to supporting all its youth, particularly those from historically marginalized communities.

**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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