

Date of Hearing: August 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 233 (Sharp-Collins) – As Introduced August 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Sepsis Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims September 2026 as Sepsis Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes the lives of 350,000 adults in the United States every year. Each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die.
- 2) Sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States, with costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing estimated to be \$62 billion annually.
- 3) On average, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects, including post-sepsis syndrome and 14,000 amputations per year in the United States.
- 4) Communities that have historically lacked access to high-quality health care experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering.
- 5) The growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases.
- 6) Despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15 percent of United States adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis. The signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic “TIME,” which stands for temperature, infection, mental decline, and extremely ill.
- 7) September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to sepsis, the body’s life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death.

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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