

Date of Hearing: April 27, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 101 (Alanis) – As Introduced April 6, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Star Wars Day.

**SUMMARY:** Declares May 4, 2026, as Star Wars Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Star Wars is a film series and science fiction and fantasy universe created by George Lucas that became one of the most successful and influential franchises in motion picture history.
- 2) George Lucas was born and raised in the City of Modesto and attended Modesto Junior College. Mr. Lucas spent his early adult life exploring cinematography and transferred to the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts where he began making films, quickly learning from industry titans, and ultimately writing and directing the first Star Wars film, creating a pop culture phenomenon.
- 3) The first movie, *Star Wars: A New Hope*, was released in 1977 and had a budget of only \$11 million. Yet, it won six Academy Awards, along with a special achievement award for its accomplishments in sound, and revolutionized the motion picture industry with its achievements in special effects. Since then, the Star Wars franchise has captured the imaginations and hearts of many and has remained a beloved franchise into the 21st century.
- 4) “May the Fourth be with you,” which started as a pun warmly shared by fans, has become a full-fledged, fan-embraced celebration of Star Wars.
- 5) In 2012, the Walt Disney Company acquired the Star Wars franchise, providing new opportunities to expand on this galaxy far, far away, bringing a larger and more dynamic universe with fresh content from films, books, comics, and television shows, and introducing this beloved universe to a new generation of fans.
- 6) With the opening of Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge in 2019, located in Disneyland Park at the Disneyland Resort in the City of Anaheim, fans from all over the world are now able to visit and share in the fully immersive and collective Star Wars experience.

**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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