

Date of Hearing: May 11, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 111 (Zbur) – As Introduced May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 17, 2026, as International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT); and, encourages all Californians to stand against hate, support LGBTQ+ communities, and promote a culture of inclusion, respect, and equality. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The State of California has long been a national and global leader in advancing equality, dignity, and civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people. LGBTQ+ individuals are valued members of every community in California, contributing to the economic, cultural, civic, and social fabric of the state in countless ways.
- 2) Despite significant progress, LGBTQ+ people—particularly transgender and gender expansive individuals—continue to face discrimination, violence, stigma, and systemic barriers in employment, housing, health care, education, and public life.
- 3) International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) was established to draw global attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by LGBTQ+ people and to promote action to end these injustices.
- 4) IDAHOBIT is observed annually on May 17 to commemorate the 1990 decision by the World Health Organization to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder, marking a critical milestone in the global movement for LGBTQ+ equality, and serves as a global call to action against hate and discrimination.
- 5) IDAHOBIT is now recognized in 155 countries, raising awareness of the human rights violations faced by LGBTQ+ individuals worldwide and mobilizing efforts to advance equality and justice.
- 6) According to international human rights research, more than 60 countries continue to criminalize consensual same-sex conduct, and in several jurisdictions such laws carry severe penalties, including long-term imprisonment and, in some cases, the death penalty.
- 7) In the United States, recent years have seen an increase in legislative and social efforts targeting LGBTQ+ individuals, particularly transgender youth, threatening hard-won civil rights and protections.
- 8) California remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting LGBTQ+ people through inclusive laws, nondiscrimination protections, and policies that affirm the rights and dignity of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
- 9) Observing IDAHOBIT provides an opportunity to reaffirm California’s commitment to combating prejudice, promoting education, and advancing policies that ensure equity and justice for all.

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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