

Date of Hearing: April 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

HR 16 (Carrillo) – As Introduced February 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Cinco de Mayo Week.

SUMMARY: Declares May 4, 2025, to May 11, 2025, inclusive, as Cinco de Mayo Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is memorialized as a significant date in the history of California and Mexico in recognition of the courage of the Mexican people, who defeated a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de Puebla.”
- 2) Since the beginning of the American Civil War, Latinos in California have shown their support for the institutions of freedom and democracy by joining the forces of the United States Army, Cavalry, and Navy, risking their lives to defend free institutions.
- 3) Cinco de Mayo serves to remind us that the foundation of any nation and our state is its people, in their spirit and courage in the face of adversity, in the strength of their drive to achieve self-determination, and in their willingness to sacrifice even life itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty.
- 4) Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on the courage and achievements not only of the Mexican forces at Puebla, but also on the courage and achievements of Latinos here in California.
- 5) Latino resilience ensured the eventual triumph of Union forces, and were it not for Mexico’s triumph at the Batalla de Puebla, the deterrence of possible French support for Confederate troops may not have occurred, and the outcome of the Civil War may have been dramatically altered.
- 6) California’s Latinos have contributed to the state’s culture and society through their many achievements in music, food, dance, poetry, literature, architecture, entertainment, sports, and a broad spectrum of artistic expression.
- 7) Latinos in California have challenged the frontiers of social and economic justice, thereby improving the working conditions and lives of countless Californians. Latino entrepreneurs in the United States are the fastest growing group of business owners in our economy.
- 8) In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and dedication to the economy and cultural life of California and the United States with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These recipients are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed to the wonderful music, poetry, literature, journalism, and entertainment of California, the United States, and the world.
- 9) Achievements by Latinos in America and California include contributions to all facets of our community.

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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