

Date of Hearing: August 18, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 50 (Stefani) – As Introduced July 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Elimination of Violence Against Women Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims November 25, 2025, as Elimination of Violence Against Women Day throughout the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Violence against women and girls is a devastating and ongoing global crisis. According to the United Nations, at least 51,100 women were murdered by partners or family members in 2023, amounting to one woman killed every 10 minutes.
- 2) The United Nations Development Programme identifies this violence as a result of systemic gender inequality, discrimination, power imbalances, and harmful social norms. Violence against women includes not only physical abuse, but also psychological, sexual, and financial forms of harm, impacting every aspect of a woman's life.
- 3) In response to this public health crisis, the United Nations designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This date honors the courage and sacrifice of the Mirabal sisters, political activists from the Dominican Republic who were assassinated by Dictator Rafael Trujillo for their resistance to his brutal regime.
- 4) 2025 marks the 26th anniversary of this international day of observance. Despite decades of advocacy, violence against women remains alarmingly prevalent. In California alone, 86 percent of women report having experienced some form of sexual harassment or assault in their lifetime.
- 5) The United Nations urges governments to use the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women to revitalize commitments and call for accountability and action from decision-makers.

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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