

Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 69 (Calderon) – As Introduced August 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Designates September 2025 as Blood Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Blood cancers primarily affect white blood cells and may, in certain cases, also target red blood cells or platelets. In the absence of definitive screening methods, it is crucial to recognize symptoms and risk factors to seek timely medical intervention.
- 2) Common symptoms of blood cancers include swelling of the lymph nodes, persistent fatigue, night sweats, fever, shortness of breath, and unexpected weight loss. Risk factors encompass family history, genetic disorders, lifestyle choices, and exposure to radiation or chemotherapy.
- 3) The State of California witnesses approximately 18,460 new cases of blood cancers each year. Although the survival rates for diseases such as leukemia have significantly improved since the 1960s, these rates vary depending on the specific type of cancer and are influenced by ongoing scientific advancements.
- 4) Each September, national Blood Cancer Awareness Month emphasizes the symptoms, causes, and ongoing innovations in the treatment of cancers of the blood and lymphatic systems. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the various forms of blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndromes, with the aim of educating the public on their causes, symptoms, treatments, and research advancements.
- 5) It is essential to intensify awareness and action on this critical health issue at the local, state, and national levels.

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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