

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 85 (Nguyen) – As Introduced February 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes February 15, 2026, as Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Angelman syndrome is a rare neurogenetic disorder that occurs in 1 in 15,000 live births and affects approximately 500,000 individuals worldwide. It is caused by a loss of function of the UBE3A gene in chromosome 15 derived from the mother, and a gene that is needed to develop and control speech and movement.
- 2) Individuals with Angelman syndrome begin experiencing developmental delays starting from 6 and 12 months of age, inclusive, and these developmental delays are often the first signs of Angelman syndrome. In addition to delayed development, Angelman syndrome causes problems with speech and balance, mental disability, and sometimes seizures.
- 3) Angelman syndrome shares symptoms and characteristics with other disorders, including autism, cerebral palsy, and Prader-Willi syndrome.
- 4) Individuals with Angelman syndrome have an overall happy and excitable demeanor, and they smile and laugh often.
- 5) There is currently no cure for Angelman syndrome, but organizations such as the Angelman Syndrome Foundation note that with further research, there may be a cure in the future.
- 6) Organizations worldwide recognize February 15 as International Angelman Day to raise awareness about Angelman syndrome.

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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