

Date of Hearing: May 11, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 95 (Caloza) – As Amended April 20, 2026

SUBJECT: National Public Works Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of May 18, 2026, to May 24, 2026, inclusive, as National Public Works Week in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Public works professionals focus on facilities, infrastructure, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities, and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the State of California.
- 2) These facilities, infrastructure, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, including engineers, managers, and employees, at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens.
- 3) It is in the public interest of California communities to gain knowledge of, and maintain an ongoing interest in and understanding of, the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities.
- 4) Public works professionals play a vital role in disasters and other emergencies and are often considered the “silent arm of public safety,” working diligently, often without fanfare, to support emergency response partners, regardless of hazard.
- 5) Public works maintenance and operations staff are among the most visible and essential elements during the response and recovery phases of disasters, frequently among the first to arrive and the last to leave. They assist with rescue, evacuation, flood control, and sheltering; provide temporary traffic control and perimeter security; transport critical supplies and equipment; and restore damaged infrastructure, making their broad capabilities a critical component in nearly every type of disaster or emergency.
- 6) The year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association. The American Public Works Association applauds the national recognition of the “Public Works First Responder” status and its use to support and promote public works first responders.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Chapters of the American Public Works Association (CA APWA)
League of California Cities

Opposition

None on file

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