
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 126
Author: Grove (R)
Introduced: 2/13/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Special Olympics Day

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims March 9, 2026, as Special Olympics Day in California, and congratulates Team NorCal and Team SoCal for their accomplishments thus far and wishes them success in the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing year-round training and competitions to more than 4 million athletes and Unified Sports partners in 177 countries. Through the power of sports, Special Olympics California athletes discover new strengths, abilities, confidence, and success on the playing field and in life.
- 2) With the support of the State of California, Special Olympics California provides free year-round services and programs in sports, schools, leadership, and health and wellness to more than 50,000 people with intellectual disabilities and their families in the state.
- 3) Special Olympics Northern California and Special Olympics Southern California bridge the gap between medical professionals and people with intellectual disabilities to break down barriers to services and to advocate for quality care. Special Olympics California provides screenings, including vision, eye health, audiology, dentistry, prevention and nutrition, podiatry, and mental and emotional health.

- 4) The 2026 Special Olympics USA Games will take place from June 20 to June 26, 2026, inclusive, in Minnesota, happening once every four years, and will bring together Special Olympics athletes from across the country to compete and celebrate in the spirit of inclusion. The 2026 Special Olympics USA Games will feature more than 3,000 athletes, 1,500 coaches, 10,000 volunteers, and 75,000 expected fans.
- 5) Special Olympics USA Games Team NorCal and Team SoCal will include the Law Enforcement Torch Run and will represent Special Olympics Northern California and Special Olympics Southern California in 11 sports, including basketball, bowling, golf, softball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, unified bocce, unified flag football, and unified soccer.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 41 (Ashby, Resolution Chapter 49, Statutes of 2025)
ACR 50 (Ahrens, Resolution Chapter 57, Statutes of 2025)
ACR 155 (Lackey, Resolution Chapter 39, Statutes of 2024)
SCR 120 (Becker, Resolution Chapter 48, Statutes of 2024)
ACR 41 (Lackey, Resolution Chapter 49, Statutes of 2023)
SCR 51 (Becker, Resolution Chapter 57, Statutes of 2023)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 2/23/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 2/23/26)

None received

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