
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 164
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Black Health Equity Advocacy Week

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes May 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, inclusive, and every first full week of May thereafter, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week and commend the California Black Health Network and other organizations throughout the state for their efforts to improve the health, well-being, and life expectancy of Black Californians.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The life expectancy at birth for Black Californians is 76.2 years of age, 5 years shorter than the state average and the lowest life expectancy of all racial and ethnic groups.
- 2) According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, health equity means everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible, which requires removing obstacles to health, such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care.
- 3) In an effort to bring awareness to the long-standing structural inequities that negatively impact the health and well-being of Black Californians, as well as to uplift existing efforts to address inequities and dismantle the environmental and systemic barriers that contribute to disproportionate health outcomes and achieve racial justice, social justice, and environmental justice, the California Black Health Network is recognizing May 4, 2026, to May 8, 2026, inclusive, and every first full week of May thereafter, as Black Health Equity Advocacy Week.

- 4) Black Health Equity Advocacy Week will help bring communities, organizations, and individuals together to mobilize, strategize, and collaborate on ways to break down the structural barriers that currently exist in California while mapping out a framework to advance Black health equity in the Golden State.

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Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 53 (Weber, Resolution Chapter 91, Statutes of 2023)

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/28/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/28/26)

None received

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