

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 165 (Grayson) – As Introduced April 22, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: California Wildfire Preparedness Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of May 3 to May 9, 2026, inclusive, as California Wildfire Preparedness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California has long faced a year-round fire season. The January 2025 fires in the County of Los Angeles were two of the five most destructive wildfires to ever hit California. These fires underscore the scale and intensity of the climate impacts we face.
- 2) It is more important now than ever that every person in the state is prepared for wildfire. The state is taking unprecedented action to make our communities more resilient to wildfire and to improve forest health.
- 3) Since 2019, the state has made historic investments to step up forest management and other projects that decrease catastrophic wildfire risk, nearly doubled the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s budget, and built the largest aerial firefighting fleet in the world, which is supplemented by state-of-the-art firefighting equipment and technology.
- 4) In 2025, the state took additional steps to modernize and update its nation-leading fire standards, including accelerating the development of “Zone 0” regulations to create ember-resistant zones around structures in the highest fire severity zones in the state.
- 5) The state has dramatically increased work to prevent wildfires, with, as of May 2025, more than 2,200 fuels reduction projects completed or underway on state land, and in recent years California has treated nearly two million acres. This work is vital to slowing and reducing the intensity of wildfires and provides areas that fire personnel can safely and aggressively suppress fires from.
- 6) The state manages only three percent of California’s forest land, while 57 percent of California’s forests are federally managed. The state is ready to strengthen federal partnerships.
- 7) California Wildfire Preparedness Week emphasizes the importance of both collaborative efforts and individual responsibility in reducing and managing wildfire risk.
- 8) Californians can make their neighborhoods safer by creating defensible space around homes, hardening homes, developing wildfire action plans, and teaming up to join fire safe councils and Firewise USA communities that work to regularly assess wildfire risk and prioritize action to address it.
- 9) All Californians are encouraged to take steps to prepare for wildfire season and to help prevent loss of life and property as together we can create a more fire-resilient California.

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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