

THIRD READING

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Bill No: SCR 169  
Author: Gonzalez (D)  
Introduced: 4/29/26  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Women's Small Business Month

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution declares October 2026 as Women's Small Business Month and encourages all citizens to recognize the economic importance of women's small businesses in California.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) October is recognized as Women's Small Business Month because the law that allowed women to take out a loan in their own name, the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-533), was signed on October 25, 1988.
- 2) Among women, women of color are the fastest growing demographic of new business owners. Women-owned businesses represent 42% of all businesses and women of color account for 50% of all female business owners.
- 3) In 2025, the Small Business Development Center helped establish 1,231 women-owned businesses in California, creating 4,099 jobs and receiving \$198,000,000 in capital contributions.

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**Related/Prior Legislation**

ACR 114 (Pacheco, Resolution Chapter 196, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 109 (Reyes, Resolution Chapter 169, Statutes of 2023)

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 5/5/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 5/5/26)

None received

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