

Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 17 (Niello) – As Introduced January 28, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Montessori Month.

SUMMARY: Designates February 2025 as Montessori Month in California, and urges all Californians to take note of that month and to participate fittingly in its observance. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Dr. Maria Montessori, a native of Italy whose observations of children and their development led her to design what has come to be known as the Montessori method of education, provided to the world a great departure from the educational philosophies of the early 20th century and instituted a movement that has spanned the globe and continues today to influence educational practices throughout California, the United States, and the world.
- 2) A system for the education of children from birth through secondary schools, the Montessori program focuses upon providing materials, techniques, and experiences that support the learners' natural development and encourages children to "learn how to learn," to gain independence and self-confidence, and to promote the principles of peace and responsible world citizenship.
- 3) The Montessori method is based upon thoughtful observation of individual children and includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind.
- 4) There are hundreds of public and private Montessori schools in California. In February 2025, Montessorians will celebrate the 118th anniversary of the first Montessori school.
- 5) It is fitting and proper that we recognize the immeasurable contributions of California's Montessori schools, and congratulate all Montessorians upon the 118th anniversary of the first Montessori school.

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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