
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 172
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims May 2026 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nearly 28 million people in the United States have asthma. About 4.75 million children in the United States currently have asthma. Over 3.15 million adults and children in California have asthma.
- 2) Asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable diseases among children.
- 3) The total economic cost of asthma in the United States was \$81.9 billion per year from 2008 to 2013, which is approximately \$115 billion when adjusted for inflation.
- 4) Asthma is a manageable disease that claimed the lives of over 3,100 people in the United States in 2023, including 351 people in California.
- 5) Twenty-one million eight hundred thousand people in the United States have food allergies, including about 3.9 million children. Food allergies have increased among United States children over the past 20 years, with the greatest increase in Black children.
- 6) Children with food allergies are two to four times more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases.

- 7) In May 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Week at the request of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, which has since expanded to the entire month of May.

This resolution recognizes the month of May 2026 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in California, and encourages the people of the State of California to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/8/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/8/26)

None received

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