

Date of Hearing: June 1, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 172 (Niello) – As Introduced April 30, 2026

**SENATE VOTE:** 33-0

**SUBJECT:** Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** 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. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable diseases among children. Over 3.15 million adults and children in California have asthma.
- 2) One million individuals per year visit emergency departments because of asthma's effects. Asthma is a leading cause of hospitalizations and school absences due to a chronic disease among children.
- 3) Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous individuals in the United States face the highest burden of asthma.
- 4) Food allergies have increased among United States children over the past 20 years, with the greatest increase in Black children. Children with food allergies are two to four times more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases.
- 5) People with asthma and food allergies need access to affordable health insurance and to the medications and devices they need at affordable prices.
- 6) 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.

**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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