
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 173
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Introduced: 5/4/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates the month of May 2026 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month in appreciation for the services provided to California by the fairgrounds and fairs in the state.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The initial success of the State Agricultural Society served as a catalyst for the establishment of California's first State Fair, hosted in 1854 by the City of San Francisco, where agricultural exhibitions were organized to showcase local produce and livestock.
- 2) California's 77 fairgrounds and 78 fairs serve the entire state with some of the most notable fairs including the California State Fair, the San Diego County Fair, the Big Fresno Fair, the Alameda County Fair, the Amador County Fair, and the Los Angeles County Fair.
- 3) Fairgrounds play a crucial role in economic development and business growth by serving as vibrant hubs for community engagement, commerce, and tourism, and are pivotal in nurturing economic vitality and fostering a thriving business ecosystem across the state by providing small businesses with unique opportunities to showcase products, launch new offerings, and engage directly with consumers.
- 4) During a state of emergency, a natural disaster, or the ongoing impacts of climate change, California fairgrounds are called into service as medical sites, staging areas for emergency equipment and emergency personnel, and evacuation sites to assist those displaced by a fire or flood.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 65 (Alvarado-Gil, Resolution Chapter 122, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 63 (Tangipa, Resolution Chapter 93, Statutes of 2025)

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/11/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/11/26)

None received

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