

Date of Hearing: August 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 184 (Niello) – As Introduced June 8, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of September 28, 2026, to October 4, 2026, inclusive, as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) is a terminal and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the frontal and temporal lobes, causing impairments to speech, personality, behavior, and motor skills that constitutes a major public health concern.
- 2) It takes an average of 3.6 years from start of symptoms to get an accurate diagnosis of FTD with an average life expectancy of 7 to 13 years after the initial symptoms. FTD strikes people as young as 21 and as old as 80, with the largest percentage of those affected being in their 40s to 60s, rendering people in the prime of life unable to work or function normally.
- 3) FTD imposes average annual costs associated with care and living with the disease that are approximately double those of Alzheimer's disease.
- 4) FTD is identified in The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease as a related dementia and is included as a priority in the goals and strategies of the Plan to achieve the vision of a nation free of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
- 5) The California Master Plan for Aging incorporates all 10 recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease Prevention and Preparedness to help people and families living with Alzheimer's and related dementia.
- 6) It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800