
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 38
Author: Padilla (D), et al.
Introduced: 4/9/25
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Harvey Milk Day

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes the pioneering contributions of Harvey Milk to the cause of LGBTQ+ civil rights and commemorates May 22, 2025, as Harvey Milk Day.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Harvey Bernard Milk was born on May 22, 1930, in Woodmere, New York. He was the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in a major city of the United States. He was assassinated in 1978 at San Francisco City Hall by a political rival. Perhaps more than any other modern figure, Harvey Milk's life and political career embody the rise of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) civil rights movement in California, across the nation, and throughout the world.
- 2) Harvey Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today. He was named one of TIME Magazine's most influential people of the 20th century. Many institutions and organizations are named for Harvey Milk, including the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Center, the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, the Harvey Milk Institute, the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, and the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Democratic Club in San Francisco.
- 3) Harvey Milk's legacy as the first openly gay elected official in California is also still felt today. Since his election as the first, California now has nearly 200 openly 2SLGBTQ+ elected officials, with the California State Legislature comprising a historic 10% representation as of 2024.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SR 91 (Padilla, 2024) – Adopted in the Senate.
HR 97 (Zbur, 2024) – Adopted in the Assembly.
SR 26 (Eggman, 2023) – Adopted in the Senate.
HR 28 (Ward, 2023) – Adopted in the Assembly.
SR 88 (Eggman, 2022) – Adopted in the Senate.
HR 109 (Low, 2022) – Adopted in the Assembly.
SR 31 (Eggman, 2021) – Adopted in the Senate.
HR 43 (Low, 2021) – Adopted in the Assembly.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/23/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/23/25)

None received

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