
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 94
Author: Becker (D)
Introduced: 4/6/26
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Myositis Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution observes the month of May 2026 as Myositis Awareness Month in California, and encourages all citizens of California to come together, learn more about all the forms of myositis and its symptoms, and support the families in our community who will benefit from greater awareness of these rare diseases.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies, collectively referred to as myositis, are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases. Myositis often features debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms, including pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing. Myositis can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease.
- 2) More research is needed to identify the causes of, and modes of treatments for, the myositis group of diseases, including anti-MDA5 autoantibody positive myositis, anti-synthetase syndrome, dermatomyositis, juvenile dermatomyositis, immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy, inclusion body myositis, and polymyositis.
- 3) All who suffer with myositis experience reduced quality of life, especially as no cure has been found and life expectancy is shortened, especially for those with inclusion body myositis.
- 4) The Myositis Association is the leading international patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community, focusing on patient services,

education, research, and public awareness, so as to achieve a world without myositis.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SR 43 (Becker, 2025) – Adopted in the Senate.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

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