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ACR-44 California Cities Week. (2025-2026)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 44

CHAPTER 66

Relative to Cities Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 44, Pacheco. California Cities Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of April 20, 2025, to April 26, 2025, inclusive, to be California Cities Week, and would encourage all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Cities first arose when eight California municipalities incorporated in 1850 to provide essential safety and health services to the rapidly growing population of the territory of California, due to the periods of economic prosperity and immigration that followed the Gold Rush and both world wars; and

WHEREAS, Today, California's 483 cities and towns vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout the state, from small rural neighborhoods to large urban regions; and

WHEREAS, More than 80 percent of California's population resides within municipalities and receives city services; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution grants several powers to cities, including the authority to promote and regulate public safety, the authority to raise revenue for public purposes, and the power to operate public works to furnish residents with light, water, power, heat, transportation, and communication; and

WHEREAS, Cities provide millions of Californians with essential services, including public libraries, fire departments, police departments, emergency medical and disaster response, parks and recreation, childcare, community and human services programs, solid waste and recycling management, water, sewer, utilities, land use planning, housing, economic development, transportation planning, maintenance of streets and roads, telecommunications, and more; and

WHEREAS, While cities differ in matters of population, geography, and economy, they share essential beliefs and values; and

WHEREAS, Cities remain transparent and accountable to the communities they serve, and have earned the trust placed in them by local residents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the week of April 20, 2025, to April 26, 2025, inclusive, to be California Cities Week and encourages all Californians to be involved in their communities and to be civically engaged with their local government, and be it further;

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.