



CALIFORNIA SENATE

RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Roger W. Niello, 6th Senatorial District;
Relative to

World Ostomy Day

WHEREAS, Recognized every three years on the first Saturday of October, World Ostomy Day seeks to raise awareness and increase public understanding about people living with ostomies and the challenges they face as well as to highlight their courage, resilience, and contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, A life-saving surgical procedure, an ostomy creates an opening, known as a stoma, in the body to discharge bodily waste following injury, disease, or other medical conditions affecting the digestive or urinary systems, including cancer, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, hereditary colon cancer syndromes, and birth defects; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 750,000-plus people in the United States live with an ostomy, and tens of thousands undergo ostomy surgeries each year; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals who have an ostomy often face significant physical, emotional, social, and financial challenges, including stigma and limited public understanding, yet they can continue to lead full and productive lives with the support of medical professionals, caregivers, families, and advocacy organizations; and

WHEREAS, World Ostomy Day provides an opportunity to people living without an ostomy to affirm the dignity of those living with one, supports efforts to improve quality of care and access to medical supplies, and advances inclusion, compassion, and equity in health care and society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR ROGER W. NIELLO, That he recognizes October 4, 2025, as World Ostomy Day in California and applauds its residents' efforts to educate themselves about ostomies, support affected individuals and families, and promote greater understanding and acceptance across the State.

Members Resolution No. 642
Dated this 4th day of October, 2025.

Honorable Roger W. Niello
6th Senatorial District