

March 22, 2021

The Honorable Chris Holden
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0041

RE: ACR (Holden) Roxie's Wish: Drowning Prevention Week for Children.
AAP-CA Position: SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Holden,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing over 3,000 pediatrician members strongly supports ACR 39 as amended on March 18, 2021, which would proclaim every third week of May as "Roxie's Wish: Drowning Prevention Week for Children" in order to encourage counties, cities, and school districts to support national goals relating to drowning prevention.

"Drowning is the single-leading cause of death among children aged 1-4, and a top cause of death among teens. We can lower these rates if pediatricians, parents and policy-makers work together to implement the types of solutions we know will keep children safe." (American Academy of Pediatrics Drowning Prevention Toolkit.)¹ Awareness of the problem and the measures to take to prevent drowning is the first step in keeping California's children safe around water.

ACR 39 would contribute to educating Californians about the evidence-based strategies to reduce child drowning. AAP-CA strongly supports ACR 39. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,



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cc: AAP Leadership

¹ <https://services.aap.org/en/news-room/campaigns-and-toolkits/drowning-prevention/>