

Introduced by Senator Mendoza

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Senate Resolution No. 15—Relative to Pakistani American Day.

1 WHEREAS, Pakistan proclaimed its independence on August
2 14, 1947, and has fostered a close relationship with the United
3 States of America; and

4 WHEREAS, Pakistan’s history of sovereign independence was
5 a great step forward for the cause of freedom and the country’s
6 history has inspired, supported, and assisted nations around the
7 world in their pursuit of liberty, justice, and equality; and

8 WHEREAS, With diligence, fortitude, and an enduring belief
9 in the American dream, Pakistani immigrants have helped to turn
10 emergent areas within the State of California into thriving and
11 respectable communities, while raising their children to be
12 productive Pakistani Americans; and

13 WHEREAS, Pakistani Americans have become an integral part
14 of mainstream American society and have made important
15 contributions as Californians in the fields of finance, technology,
16 law, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and
17 government, as well as other areas; and

18 WHEREAS, There remains much to be done to ensure that
19 Pakistani Americans have access to resources, have a voice in the
20 United States government, and continue to advance in the political
21 landscape of the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Celebrating Pakistani American Day provides the
23 people of California with an opportunity to recognize the
24 achievements, contributions, and history of Pakistani Americans,
25 and to appreciate the challenges and opportunities before Pakistani
26 Americans; and

1 WHEREAS, As the Pakistani American community prepares
2 for a new era and creates a new history, Pakistani Americans must
3 instill in younger generations the proper appreciation for the
4 courage and values of their forefathers, a deep sense of affinity
5 with their roots, and pride in their own cultural heritage so that
6 they may better contribute to the great State of California, rich
7 with ethnic and cultural diversity; now, therefore, be it
8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
9 hereby proclaims March 23, 2015, as Pakistani American Day,
10 and urges all Californians to join in celebrating Pakistani American
11 Day; and be it further
12 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
13 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.