

Introduced by Senator Mendoza

February 2, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 105—Relative to Pakistani American Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 105, as introduced, Mendoza. Pakistani American Day.

This measure would proclaim March 23, 2016, as Pakistani American Day and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating Pakistani American Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

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

1 WHEREAS, There remains much to be done to ensure that
2 Pakistani Americans have access to resources, have a voice in the
3 United States government, and continue to advance in the political
4 landscape of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Celebrating Pakistani American Day provides the
6 people of California with an opportunity to recognize the
7 achievements, contributions, and history of Pakistani Americans,
8 and to appreciate the challenges and opportunities before Pakistani
9 Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, As the Pakistani American community prepares
11 for a new era and creates a new history, Pakistani Americans must
12 instill in younger generations the proper appreciation for the
13 courage and values of their forefathers, a deep sense of affinity
14 with their roots, and pride in their own cultural heritage so that
15 they may better contribute to the great State of California, rich
16 with ethnic and cultural diversity; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March
19 23, 2016, as Pakistani American Day, and urges all Californians
20 to join in celebrating Pakistani American Day; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
22 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.