

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 105

Introduced by Senator Mendoza

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 105, as amended, 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

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, As the Pakistani American community prepares
25 for a new era and creates a new history, Pakistani Americans must
26 instill in younger generations the proper appreciation for the
27 courage and values of their forefathers, a deep sense of affinity
28 with their roots, and pride in their own cultural heritage so that
29 they may better contribute to the great State of California, rich
30 with ethnic and cultural diversity; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March
33 23, 2016, as Pakistani American Day, and urges all Californians
34 to join in celebrating Pakistani American Day; and be it further

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

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