

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 116 (Jackson, et al.)

As Introduced January 6, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Honors the late civil rights pioneer Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Major Provisions

- 1) On Monday, January 19, 2026, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be celebrated in remembrance of the late civil rights pioneer and Baptist minister Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 2) On April 10, 1970, California became the first state to pass legislation making Dr. King's birthday a school holiday and, subsequently, a statewide holiday.
- 3) The life of Dr. King was devoted to fighting segregation and injustice by nonviolent means and is an outstanding example of courageous leadership in the face of unrelenting violence and harassment by individuals and governmental institutions.
- 4) Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating racial segregation in the South, known as the "Jim Crow Laws," thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America.
- 5) Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy to an open and accessible policy of racial integration leading to equal participation in and access to primary and higher education, housing, employment, transportation, federal, state, and local governmental elections, and other aspects of public policy relating to human rights.
- 6) Dr. King's assassination nearly 58 years ago changed America and we continue to work toward racial equality, economic justice, and peace. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a source of inspiration for all Americans.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

ACR 116 honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The resolution urges the citizens of California to participate in community service projects and that by serving one's country or community to make progress aligns with the values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 10-0-1

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Mark González, Irwin, Krell, Patel, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Ta

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