

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 119 (Ta)
As Introduced January 12, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Proclaims the month of April 2026 as Black April Memorial Month and encourages the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag to be flown throughout the state.

Major Provisions

- 1) April 30, 2026, marks the 51st year since the Fall of Saigon, on April 30, 1975, to communism.
- 2) For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy, full of great suffering and loss of American, Vietnamese, and Southeast Asian lives.
- 3) After the Fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and to the United States, including, but not limited to, former military personnel, government officials, and those who had worked for the United States during the war.
- 4) Today, more than 600,000 Vietnamese residents live in California, with the largest concentration of Vietnamese residents found outside of Vietnam residing in the County of Orange.
- 5) We must teach our children and future generations important lessons from the Vietnam War and the continuing situation in Vietnam, including how the plight of the Vietnamese refugees following the end of the war serves as a powerful example of the values of freedom and democracy.
- 6) We, the people of California, should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, sovereignty, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic world. Californians should set aside moments of time every year on April 30 to give remembrance to the soldiers, medical personnel, and civilians who died during the Vietnam War in pursuit of freedom and democracy.
- 7) Vietnamese American communities throughout California will commemorate April 30, 2026, as Black April, a day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom, including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of the press, and internet freedom.
- 8) In recognition of the 51st anniversary of the Fall of Saigon, the Legislature encourages that the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag, which is recognized by the state of California as a symbol of the Vietnamese community's continued struggle for freedom and liberty for the people of Vietnam, be flown throughout the state.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

I came to the United States from Vietnam at the age of 19 to experience true freedom after the fall of Saigon. Hundreds of my fellow Vietnamese also fled to our great state of California. We are now proud Americans and deeply appreciate the liberty and dignity afforded to everyone under our democratic ideals. Our hearts break for the people still living under tyranny.

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: 9-0-1**

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ahrens

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