

Date of Hearing: March 23, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 141 (Ta) – As Introduced February 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Vesak Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the significance of Vesak Day to people of Buddhist faith, and extends sincere wishes to the state's Buddhist community in celebrating Vesak Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Vesak Day, one of the most important and sacred holidays to Buddhists worldwide, commemorates the life, enlightenment, and death of Buddha.
- 2) Depending on the country where it is celebrated, the holiday occurs on the Day of the Full Moon, which is the first full moon of May or on the full moon of the fourth lunar month.
- 3) This year Vesak Day will be observed on May 1, according to the lunar calendar. In countries using the Gregorian calendar, Vesak Day is recognized annually on April 8.
- 4) Many observe the holiday by reaffirming their commitment to the moral precepts of Buddhism, performing good deeds, devoting time to chanting and meditation, and other customs, including lighting lanterns, decorating with flowers, and enjoying traditional Asian dishes.
- 5) California has a large number of Buddhists, particularly from Asia. Many Californians have found inspiration and spiritual guidance in the Buddhist faith, and many worship at temples and meditation facilities located in cities across the state.
- 6) The California State Assembly chaplains are a Buddhist married couple.
- 7) The teachings of Buddha have inspired millions of people around the globe to strive for inner peace and to demonstrate greater compassion, tolerance, and understanding in their lives, and it is fitting to acknowledge the great importance of Vesak Day to the Buddhists who reside in California and beyond.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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