

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 141 (Ta)
As Introduced February 19, 2026
Majority vote

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.

Major Provisions

- 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.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

Vesak Day commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and passing of Siddhartha Gautama, whose teachings on compassion and peace continue to inspire millions worldwide. This measure recognizes the significance of Vesak and the contributions of California's Buddhist community in promoting mindfulness, service, and harmony.

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: 7-0-3

YES: Pacheco, Ahrens, Dixon, Garcia, Ta, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez

ABS, ABST OR NV: Mark González, Irwin, Zbur

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