

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 151 (Papan)
As Introduced February 26, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Designates March 25, 2026, as Greek Independence Day.

Major Provisions

- 1) The ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people. The Founding Fathers of the United States drew heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy.
- 2) After centuries of unsuccessful uprisings and failure of the Ottoman Empire to assimilate and convert the Greeks, the Greek War of Independence began in 1821, rising up against 400 years of occupation and oppression by the Ottoman Turks. During the dark years of the Ottoman occupation, thousands were killed and tortured for attending church or teaching their children Greek culture, history, and language.
- 3) March 25, 2026, marks the 205th anniversary of the rebellion and the tenacity of the Greek people to stand strong against the Ottoman Empire.
- 4) Greece and the United States of America are at the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights. These and other ideals have forged a close bond between our two nations and their peoples.
- 5) Approximately three million Greek Americans have joined mainstream society and begun to make significant contributions as Californians in the fields of finance, technology, law, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and government, as well as in other areas.
- 6) Greek Independence Day reminds us of the strong principles and bonds that the United States of America and Greece share, including a commitment to the democratic ideals of justice and freedom.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

Greek citizens have played a crucial role in developing many of the concepts identified in American culture, including democracy. Moreover, Greek Americans have played an active role in contributing to Californian ideals and inventions. Greek Independence Day is a reminder of the enduring democratic values that unite Greece and the State of California.

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, Garcia, Mark González, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Lackey, Dixon, Irwin

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