

Date of Hearing: June 29, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 199 (Kalra) – As Introduced May 6, 2026

SUBJECT: India's Independence Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes August 15, 2026, as India's Independence Day; and, urges all Californians to join in celebrating India's independence. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) As the day began on August 15, 1947, at the stroke of midnight, the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, gave his famous Tryst with Destiny speech proclaiming India's independence. The Tryst with Destiny speech captured the essence of the nonviolent Indian freedom struggle against British colonial rule in India.
- 2) India's Independence Day is one of the most important national holidays in India. The biggest event of the day takes place in Delhi where the Prime Minister hoists the national flag at the Red Fort, delivers a nationally televised speech that highlights the achievements of the government, discusses current issues and future plans for progress, and pays tribute to the leaders of India's struggle for freedom.
- 3) India's Independence Day is celebrated on August 15 of each year to commemorate its independence. It was celebrated by 400 million Indians in 1947 and today is celebrated by over one billion people living in India, and many people living in other parts of the world, including California, which is home to the largest population of Asian Indians in the United States.
- 4) Ever since August 15, 1947, India's nonviolent struggle for freedom, its rejection of terrorism and extremism, and its belief in democracy, tolerance, and the rule of law have been an inspiration and beacon of hope for people around the world.
- 5) India's example has had a profound effect on many countries, including the United States. The over three million members of the Indian American community are living examples of the bonds that bind our nations together and their accomplishments have become well-known and admired in both countries.

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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