
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 214
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Juneteenth

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth and urges the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last persons enslaved in American Chattel Slavery were freed when General Gordon Granger rode into the City of Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 2) Juneteenth education and commemorations declined in America in the early part of the 20th century, but the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s saw a resurgence of interest in Juneteenth, along with renewed community celebrations of the day.
- 3) On June 17, 2021, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, establishing June 19 as a federal holiday, and making it the first federal holiday since the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983.
- 4) As of 2022, all 50 states in the country recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday or day of observance.

- 5) Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and for planning the future.

This resolution recognizes June 19, 2026, and every June 19th thereafter, as Juneteenth.

Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 192 (Jones-Sawyer, Chapter 152, Statutes of 2024)

SCR 152 (Bradford, Chapter 145, Statutes of 2024)

SCR 76 (Bradford and Smallwood-Cuevas, Chapter 142, Statutes of 2023)

ACR 94 (Jones-Sawyer, Chapter 122, Statutes of 2023)

AB 1655 (Jones-Sawyer et al., Chapter 753, Statutes of 2022)

ACR 190 (Jones-Sawyer et al., Chapter 139, Statutes of 2022)

SCR 109 (Bradford and Kamlager, Chapter 117, Statutes of 2022)

SCR 41 (Bradford and Kamlager, Chapter 99, Statutes of 2021)

ACR 82 (Cooper, Chapter 95, Statutes of 2021)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/23/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/23/26)

None received

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