

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 225 (Blanca Rubio)

As Introduced June 15, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Recognizes the 9/11 Remembrance Flag as a symbol of our state's concern and commitment to remembering all of the lives lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and, encourages each public building or facility owned by the state, a county, or a municipality to display the 9/11 Remembrance Flag on September 11 of each year.

Major Provisions

- 1) September 11, 2001, will forever be one of the darkest days in the history of the United States. Nearly 3,000 people, including citizens of over 90 nations, died as a direct result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York, New York; the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia; and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.
- 2) All four commercial airline flights hijacked on 9/11 were bound for California. Over 50 Californians lost their lives on 9/11.
- 3) The 9/11 Remembrance Flag was designed by a Virginian on September 20, 2001, to foster the establishment of a national symbol of remembrance that honors and remembers the victims, heroic first responders, and all who were affected by the events of September 11, 2001.
- 4) On November 12, 2001, the 9/11 Remembrance Flag was officially adopted by the Virginia Historical Society as part of a special exhibition in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution to commemorate the events of 9/11.
- 5) The design of the 9/11 Remembrance Flag adheres to the five principles of "Good Flag Design" defined by the North American Vexillological Association.
- 6) The 9/11 Remembrance Flag has also been adopted by the legislatures of Oklahoma and Delaware, and has flown or been displayed on 9/11 and for Patriot Day lessons in all 50 states, including at numerous schools and civic institutions in California, and in thousands of locations across the United States.
- 7) The symbols of 9/11 serve as a meaningful educational tool and a unifying emblem of patriotism and remembrance. The 9/11 Remembrance Flag memorializes the courageous and ongoing response of all Americans to threats against our freedom.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

California does not currently have an official flag or symbol dedicated to the remembrance of the tragedy that took place on September 11, 2001. ACR 225 would recognize the Freedom Flag as the official state symbol for remembrance of 9/11/2001.

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: 8-0-1

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Sanchez

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