
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 122
Author: Weber Pierson (D), Richardson (D) and Smallwood-Cuevas (D), et al.
Introduced: 2/11/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Black History Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes February 2026 as the centennial anniversary of Black History Month, urges all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month, and encourages the people of California to recognize the many talents of African Americans and the achievements and contributions they make to their communities to create equity and equality for education, economics, and social justice. This resolution recognizes the significance in protecting the fundamental human rights enshrined in the United States Constitution and its Amendments, the United States Bill of Rights, and the California Constitution, as specified. This resolution also affirms the commitment of the Legislature all people are equal and shall be treated with respect and dignity and shall enjoy the equal application of the law for which the Legislature has been entrusted.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) August 2019 marked 400 years since the first arrival of Africans to present-day America, and the United States Congress established the 400 Years of African American History Commission to commemorate the historic heritage and contributions that Americans of African descent have made to help shape the cultural, academic, social, economic, and moral attributes of this nation.
- 2) From the earliest days of the United States, the course of its history has been greatly influenced by African American heroes and pioneers in many diverse areas, including science, medicine, business, education, government, industry, and social leadership.

- 3) Just 50 years ago in 1976, the United States government officially recognized Black History Month, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”.
- 4) Despite decades of progress, African Americans continue to face racial and social injustices, voter suppression, economic stagnation, and voting barriers in jurisdictions with a history of discrimination. To build a stronger and more cohesive state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of voter equality and equal access to the political process for all people in order to protect the rights of every American.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SR 77 (Weber Pierson, 2026) – Adopted in Senate.

HR 84 (Bryan, 2026) – Adopted in Assembly.

SCR 21 (Smallwood-Cuevas, Resolution Chapter 28, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 30 (Jackson, Resolution Chapter 159, Statutes of 2025)

SCR 107 (Smallwood-Cuevas, Resolution Chapter 35, Statutes of 2024)

ACR 136 (Holden, Resolution Chapter 28, Statutes of 2024)

ACR 15 (Wilson, Resolution Chapter 19, Statutes of 2023)

SCR 30 (Smallwood-Cuevas, Resolution Chapter 22, Statutes of 2023)

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 2/17/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 2/17/26)

None received

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