
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 139
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Introduced: 3/5/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Afghan American Heritage Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims the month of March 2026 as Afghan American Heritage Month and recognizes Afghan Americans as an essential part of cultural and civic life of this state.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Afghan Americans, representing people of diverse ethnic, linguistic, and cultural heritages and whose roots trace back to the internationally recognized borders of modern-day Afghanistan, have been part of the history of the United States for more than 150 years, contributing to the nation's growth, public services, innovation, and cultural life, and California is home to the largest Afghan American population in the country, with the San Francisco Bay area recognized as the heart of this vibrant community.
- 2) Afghan Americans have strengthened the economic and civic life of California and the United States as health care professionals, educators, engineers, scientists, small business owners, members of the armed forces, attorneys, judges, artists, nonprofit leaders, public servants, and elected officials, revitalizing commercial corridors, creating jobs, and expanding access to critical services.
- 3) Afghan Americans have served with distinction in the United States Armed Forces and in national security, public safety, diplomatic, and civic roles since the American Civil War, including Private Mohammed Kahn of the 43rd New York Infantry Regiment, one of the earliest known Afghan Americans honored for military service.

- 4) The election of the first Afghan American to the State Senate reflects the civic engagement, resilience, and democratic participation of Afghan Americans and underscores their integral role in the life of this state.

This resolution recognizes Afghan Americans as an essential part of the cultural and civic life of this state and celebrates their leadership, service, and resilience.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/16/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/16/26)

None received

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