

Date of Hearing: April 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 139 (Wahab) – As Introduced March 5, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Afghan American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2026 as Afghan American Heritage Month; and, honors the enduring cultural, social, economic, and civic contributions of Afghan Americans to the State of California and to the United States. Specifically, **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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Across multiple generations, Afghan immigrants, refugees, evacuees, and their descendants have come to California seeking safety, opportunity, education, and the freedom to build stable lives for their families, and in doing so have helped shape a more inclusive and dynamic society.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Afghan Americans have advanced civil rights, social justice, and immigrant and refugee advocacy in solidarity with other historically marginalized communities, strengthening California's democratic and civic institutions.

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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