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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SCR 183  
Author: Weber Pierson (D), et al.  
Introduced: 5/28/26  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Juneteenth

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution 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, also known as “Juneteenth Independence Day,” “Emancipation Day,” and “Freedom Day,” is the oldest African American holiday observance in the United States. 2026 marks 161 years of freedom celebrations.
- 2) A growing number of American and African American cultural institutions have sponsored Juneteenth cultural events designed to make all Americans aware of this celebration, including the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., the Chicago Historical Society, the Black Archives of Mid-America in Kansas City, Inc. in the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the California African American Museum in the City of Los Angeles, California, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in the City of Dearborn, Michigan, the African American Museum in the City of Dallas, Texas, and the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. Juneteenth celebrations are a tribute to those African Americans who fought so long for freedom and worked so hard to make the dream of equality a reality.
- 3) 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, 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.

### **Related/Prior Legislation**

SCR 86 (Weber Pierson, Resolution Chapter 138, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 90 (Gipson, Resolution Chapter 143, Statutes of 2025)

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

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

SCR 76 (Bradford, Resolution Chapter 142, Statutes of 2023)

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

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 6/9/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 6/9/26)

None received

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