

**THIRD READING**

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Bill No: SR 90  
Author: Gonzalez (D)  
Introduced: 3/17/26  
Vote: Majority

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**SUBJECT:** Khmer New Year

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution recognizes April 14, 2026, to April 16, 2026, inclusive, as Khmer New Year, and calls upon all Californians to observe the New Year by participating in appropriate activities and programs.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Khmer New Year, or Cambodian New Year, also known as Chaul Chnam Thmey, literally meaning “Enter the New Year,” also known as Moha Sangkranta, literally meaning “Great Sankranti,” or Sangkranta, is the traditional celebration of the solar New Year in Cambodia.
- 2) The Khmer New Year coincides with the traditional solar New Year in several parts of India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand. A three-day public holiday marks the New Year, which usually starts on April 13 or April 14, at the end of the harvest season when farmers enjoy the fruits of their labor before the rainy season begins.
- 3) The Cambodian people have contributed to communities by participating in American politics, by establishing local and international businesses, by developing new art forms and community organizations through their rich cultural heritage, and by raising a new generation of Americans with promise to advance the future of the State of California and the nation.

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**Related/Prior Legislation**

SR 35 (Gonzalez, 2025) – Adopted in the Senate.

SR 84 (Gonzalez, 2024) – Adopted in the Senate.

SR 25 (Gonzalez, 2023) – Adopted in the Senate.

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 3/24/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 3/24/26)

None received

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