

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 1 (Quirk-Silva and Choi)
As Amended June 3, 2021
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Designates September 4, 2021, and the same date each year thereafter, as Taekwondo Day in California.

Major Provisions

- 1) Taekwondo is a Korean traditional martial art that is highly popular worldwide, with more than 70 million practitioners from more than 200 countries. Officially developed as a unified style of martial arts in the 1950s, the roots of Taekwondo stretch back nearly 5,000 years, incorporating elements of many traditional Korean martial arts.
- 2) Taekwondo is one of the most systematic and scientific Korean traditional martial arts that teaches more than physical fighting skills. It is a discipline that shows ways of enhancing one's spirit and life through training the body and mind.
- 3) Taekwondo has become a global sport that has gained an international reputation and stands among the official games in the Olympics. Debuting at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, it is one of only two Asian martial arts included as a medal event in the Olympics.
- 4) Taekwondo cultivates mental strength as well as physical fitness and teaches students to use knowledge and internal power and to follow the Taekwondo tenets of courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit.
- 5) During the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing and quarantines have had an impact on the mental health of children and adults. Exercise, including Taekwondo, combats mental health issues by boosting endorphin levels and reducing stress, and it has been shown that endorphin-rich movement improves mental focus and cognitive skills.
- 6) Men, women, and children of all ages, races, and creeds throughout California build strong character, pursue self-fulfillment through good discipline, and improve physical as well as mental health by practicing Taekwondo.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

During the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing and quarantines have had an impact on the mental health of children and adults. Taekwondo is also known to benefit mental health through increased confidence and improved self-esteem, focus, concentration levels, self-discipline, agility, and reflexes. ACR 1 speaks to the rich history and benefits of Taekwondo which allows individuals of all ages, races, and creeds throughout California to build strong character, pursue self-fulfillment through good discipline, and improve physical as well as mental health by practicing Taekwondo.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact

VOTES

ASM RULES: 12-0-0

YES: Cooley, Cunningham, Bennett, Flora, Gipson, Lee, Maienschein, Mathis, Ramos, Blanca Rubio, Villapudua, Akilah Weber

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