

ITALIAN AMERICANS

WHEREAS, during World War II, thousands of Italian-American immigrants in California were arrested, and hundreds were interned for the duration of the war in military camps; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, the freedom of more than 100,000 Italian-born immigrants in California and their families was restricted by government measures that included carrying identification cards, curfews, travel restrictions, and seizure of personal property; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, more than 10,000 Italian citizens living in California were forced to leave their homes and prohibited from entering California's coastal zones; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, these California residents were forced to seek special permission to live in or to enter certain parts of California, including the most populous areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, at the time, Italians were the largest immigrant group in the United States and California and today represent a large part of the Sacramento community; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the wartime experience was devastating to certain Italian communities in California, the effects of which are still being felt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the Council of the City of Sacramento, that the Sacramento City Council recognizes the regrettable events of 1942, that they encourage the study of the Italian American experience in the City's public schools, and that the Arts Commission be encouraged to support Italian American historical, artistic, and cultural projects.

ISSUED: This 31st Day of May, 1994.

Resolution in support of