



# Resolution

## ITALIAN AMERICANS

*of the City Council*

**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**, Italian immigrants were among the earliest pioneers of Sacramento and have contributed greatly to the development of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of the wartime experience was damaging to the Italian community of Sacramento, 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 wartime measures taken against the Italian Americans were unjust, and encourages the study of the Italian American experience in the City's public schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council encourages the Arts Commission to support Italian American historical, artistic, and cultural projects and encourages the establishment of an Italian American Task Force to address the needs of Italian Americans in Sacramento.

**ISSUED:** This 31st Day of May, 1994.

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