

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



A PROCLAMATION
by the
Governor of the State of California

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 in California; 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, I, PETE WILSON, Governor of the State of California, do hereby welcome the exhibit "Una Storia Segreta — A Secret Story" to the Capitol Rotunda from April 16 to May 8, 1994, and encourage all Californians to view the exhibit to promote greater awareness of this regrettable moment in California history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 14th day of
April 1994.

Pete Wilson
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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Acting Secretary of State

