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In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

By Marjorie R. Hershberger  
Deputy

**Executive Department**  
**State of California**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo is a time when those of Mexican decent commemorate the victory in 1862 of Mexico's people over the forces of Napoleon III; and

WHEREAS, California is a state that has been strongly influenced by Mexican history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Mexican-Americans have made significant contributions to the United States in general and to California in particular; and

WHEREAS, this occasion gives all of us a chance to honor the heroes of the Mexican struggle and those who seek independence everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Californians want to take this opportunity to salute our neighbor to the south on the date designated for commemorating Mexico's quest for independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of California, do hereby declare and proclaim the 5th of May, 1981 as Cinco de Mayo and urge all Californians to commemorate this historic date and to celebrate the richness, the color, and the vitality of the Mexican heritage in our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 4th day of May 1981

Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

March Fong Eu  
Secretary of State

by Marjorie R. Hershberger  
Deputy Secretary of State

