

Executive Department  
State of California

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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 *Alan Dudash*  
Deputy

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo is a significant Mexican holiday commemorating the great victory of Mexico's people over the forces of Napoleon III in 1862; and

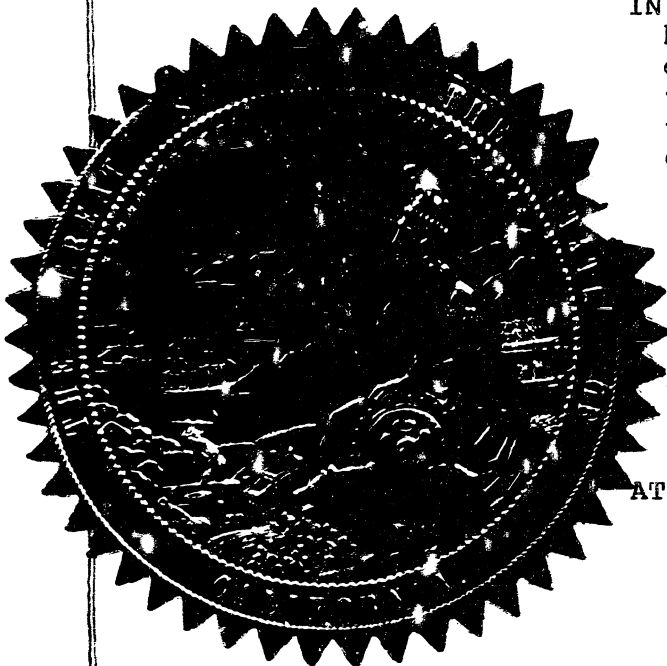
WHEREAS, people of Mexican descent everywhere celebrate this date as a milestone in Mexico's struggle for independence and cultural integrity; and

WHEREAS, this date is rightly commemorated throughout California, a state which proudly bears the legacy and influence of Mexican heritage; and

WHEREAS, Mexican-Americans have contributed to the well-being of our state and are striving to better California;

THEREFORE, I HEREBY PROCLAIM May 5th 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 2nd day of May 1980.



*Edmund G. Brown, Jr.*  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

*March Fong Eu*  
Secretary of State

By *Michael A. Gagar*  
Deputy Secretary of State