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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Chinese people have contributed greatly to the development of California and the nation; and

WHEREAS, they were denied the right to enjoy the rewards of their hard work as builders of America by the unjust Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882; and

WHEREAS, this Act banned Chinese workers from entering the United States and further served to reduce the Chinese population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese people were subjected to undue hardships in detention centers; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of America is to be one nation, undivided with life, liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize this dark period in American history as one not to be repeated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor of California, do hereby proclaim May 6, the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act, as a "Day To Observe The Strength And Determination Of The Chinese People" in overcoming the obstacles so unjustly placed before them in their efforts to make this state and this nation a better place to live.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 5th day of May 1982.

Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

March Fong Eu
Secretary of State

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