

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 197 (Stefani) – As Introduced May 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Italian American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of October 2026 as Italian American Heritage Month throughout the State of California; and, honors all Italians and Italian Americans for their commitment to California's growth and vibrancy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The State of California is home to one of the largest populations of Italian Americans in the United States, and their enduring legacy has significantly shaped the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our great state.
- 2) Italian immigrants began arriving in California in significant numbers around the time of California's official statehood in the mid-19th century, many of whom played vital roles in the development of the state's agricultural, fishing, winemaking, and construction industries, laying the foundations for California's prosperity and global economic significance.
- 3) Italian American farmers helped transform California into one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world, introducing time-honored cultivation practices, establishing family-run farms and vineyards, and promoting sustainable land stewardship.
- 4) Italian Americans have contributed to California's built environment, including bridges, highways, and historic landmarks, through generations of craftsmanship in masonry, carpentry, and engineering.
- 5) The contributions of Italian Americans extend far beyond labor and industry, and notable Italian American Californians have made distinguished contributions in public service, science, business, banking, law, medicine, and sports.
- 6) It is fitting and proper for all Californians to recognize and honor the achievements and contributions of Italian Americans and their vital role in the development and prosperity of our state.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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