

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 197 (Stefani)

As Introduced May 4, 2026

Majority vote

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.

Major Provisions

- 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.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

California is home to nearly 1.5 million people of Italian descent, one of the largest Italian American populations in the country. Italian immigrants helped build this state, working the fields, fishing the coast, and shaping industries from agriculture to construction. ACR 197 is not just about honoring the past, it's about celebrating a living legacy and building a future rooted in pride, service, and cultural connection.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 9-0-1

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ta, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ahrens

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