
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 197
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Introduced: 5/4/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Italian American Heritage Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims the month of October 2026 as Italian American Heritage Month, and, among other things, encourages all citizens, schools, public institutions, and community organizations in California to observe Italian American Heritage Month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and educational programs, as specified.

ANALYSIS: 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) 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. 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.

This resolution encourages all citizens, schools, public institutions, and community organizations in California to observe Italian American Heritage Month with

appropriate ceremonies, activities, and educational programs that celebrate and preserve the rich legacy of Italian American heritage.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/8/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/8/26)

None received

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