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Proclamation

Issued by the Mayor

Recognizing Cinco de Mayo

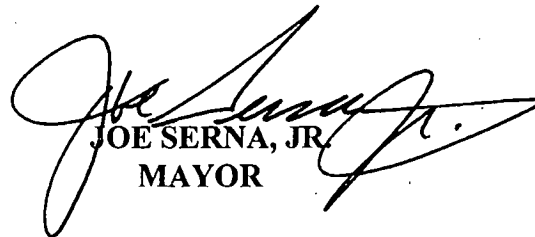
WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo is a date of great importance for the Mexican-American community as it marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862; and

WHEREAS, the “Batalla de Puebla” came to represent a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism, and with the constant inspiration of this victory, Mexican-Americans have demonstrated to the world their loyalty and patriotism and have defended the United States of America with great pride, having served in the U.S. Armed Forces in proportions much larger than their percentage of the population; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the “Batalla de Puebla” came to be known as simply “5 de Mayo” and has become the tradition in the United States to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with parades, mariachi music, folklorico dancing and other types of festive family activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby recognize the significance of Cinco de Mayo and encourage the citizens of Sacramento to participate in the many planned activities for Cinco de Mayo.

ISSUED: This 28th day of April 1998.


JOE SERNA, JR.
MAYOR