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# Proclamation

Issued by the Mayor

## Nehemiah Appreciation Month April 1999

**W**HEREAS, Nehemiah Progressive Housing Development Corporation is a Sacramento based charitable organization that specializes in affordable housing; and

**W**HEREAS, the Nehemiah Program is one of several affordable housing programs operated by its parent organization, Nehemiah Progressive Housing Development Corporation; and

**W**HEREAS, affordable housing needs to be provided without long-term reliance on government subsidies or tax dollars; and

**W**HEREAS, Nehemiah has provided over \$43 million in grants to nearly 10,000 individuals and families; and

**W**HEREAS, a year after the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development gave its approval for The Nehemiah Program to go nationwide, nearly \$1 billion for real estate transactions have occurred; and

**W**HEREAS, the Nehemiah Program is narrowing the gap of homeownership rates among minority households; and

**W**HEREAS, in addition to creating new homeownership opportunities, Nehemiah helps develop low-income apartments for seniors and families, acquire and rehabilitate single family homes and construct affordable in-fill single family homes; and

**W**HEREAS, the Nehemiah Program has helped many Americans realize their dream of homeownership.

**N**OW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim the month of April 1999 to be *Nehemiah Appreciation Month* in the City of Sacramento.

**ISSUED:** This 6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1999.

**JOE SERNA, JR.  
MAYOR**