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Governor Schwarzenegger Proclaims September 9 "Admission Day"

PROCLAMATION
by the
Governor of the State of California

In February of 1848, Mexico and the United States signed a treaty which ended the Mexican War and yielded a vast portion of the Southwest, including present-day California, to the United States. Several days earlier, gold had been discovered on the American River near Sacramento, and the ensuing gold rush hastened California's admittance to the Union.

California became the 31st state on September 9, 1850. The Golden State's rich history has since been shaped by people of every ethnic background who traveled here seeking economic, social and educational opportunity, and a life of quality and breathtaking beauty.

With a reputation for excellence and innovation in industries ranging from agriculture to entertainment, science and technology, our great state is home to one of the most diverse and dynamic populations anywhere in the world.

On Admission Day, we observe the anniversary of California's statehood and celebrate the many valuable contributions Californians have made to the fortune and fortitude of our great nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2005, as "Admission Day."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this the second day of September 2005.

/s/ Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California