

Executive Department  
State of California

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS

The Croatian nation, ever since its early beginning in the seventh century, has had to fight to preserve freedom and independence, and in the pursuit of democratic processes created, more than a thousand years ago, one of the oldest elected parliamentary bodies, the Sabor; and

WHEREAS

Croatia is presently subjected to force and terror exerted by Yugoslavia which has prevented the election of representatives to the Sabor and has deprived Croatians of the basic human rights of self-determination, free elections, economy, culture, religion, and even language; and

WHEREAS

More than 150,000 Americans of Croatian descent live in California, participating in economic, cultural, and political developments of the Golden State and always maintaining their vigilance against Communist aggression by sharing their knowledge and experience;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim April 10th as CROATIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY to honor these Californians and invite all citizens to give renewed devotion to the just aspirations of all people for national independence and human liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed here this 4th day of April One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight.

Governor

*Ronald Reagan*

Attest:

Secretary of State

