
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 83—ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOSCA

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Designates “Larry Itliong Day” as a day of observance in this State. (BDR 19-99)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to days of observance; requiring the Governor to annually proclaim October 25 to be “Larry Itliong Day” in the State of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, various days, weeks and months of observance are
2 recognized in this State. (NRS 236.018-236.095) This bill requires the Governor to
3 annually proclaim October 25 to be “Larry Itliong Day” in the State of Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, October 25 is the anniversary of the birth of Modesto
2 “Larry” Dulay Itliong in the Philippines; and

3 WHEREAS, After immigrating to the United States as a teenager
4 in 1929, Larry Itliong began working as a farm laborer and in the
5 canneries of Alaska, where he helped found the Alaska Cannery
6 Workers Union; and

7 WHEREAS, After his service in the U.S. Army during World
8 War II, Larry Itliong moved to Stockton, California, where he
9 continued his labor organization work, becoming a leader in the
10 Filipino-American community of respected elders in the farm labor
11 movement known as the “Manongs”; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Itliong founded the Filipino Farm Labor Union
13 in 1956 and the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee
14 (AWOC) in 1959; and

15 WHEREAS, Larry Itliong played an instrumental role in leading
16 the 1965-1970 Delano Grape Strike and related boycott, including



1 convincing the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), a
2 primarily Mexican-American farmworkers union led by Cesar
3 Chavez, to join forces with the AWOC; and

4 WHEREAS, Garnering national attention, the Delano Grape
5 Strike resulted in the first union contracts for farmworkers, which
6 included improved wages, benefits and working conditions, and
7 transformed the farm labor movement in the United States through
8 its use of boycotts, the groundbreaking collaboration between
9 farmworkers of Filipino and Mexican heritage and the formation of
10 the United Farm Workers labor union from the merger of the
11 AWOC and the NFWA; and

12 WHEREAS, Known as a father of the West Coast labor
13 movement, Larry Itliong was a tireless labor organizer, community
14 leader and activist for social and economic justice; and

15 WHEREAS, Larry Itliong's legacy is a source of pride for
16 Filipino-Americans, who constitute the largest segment of the
17 Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander population,
18 which is the fastest growing demographic group in the State of
19 Nevada and the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada desires to recognize the many
21 contributions Larry Itliong made to the State of Nevada and the
22 United States; now, therefore,

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24 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
25 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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27 **Section 1.** Chapter 236 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
28 thereto a new section to read as follows:

29 *1. The Governor shall annually proclaim October 25 to be*
30 *"Larry Itliong Day" in the State of Nevada.*

31 *2. The proclamation must call upon the news media,*
32 *educators, business and labor leaders and appropriate*
33 *governmental officers to bring to the attention of the residents of*
34 *Nevada the important contributions Larry Itliong made to the*
35 *State of Nevada and the United States.*

36 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

