Proclamation 5732 -- National Immigrants Day, 1987

October 16, 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Our national celebration of Immigrants Day is a moving reminder to us that America is unique among the nations. We are the sons and daughters of every land across the face of the Earth, yet we are an indivisible Nation. We are one people, and we are one in that which drew our forebears here -- the love of "freedom's holy Light."

This year we most appropriately observe Immigrants Day on October 28, the 101st anniversary of the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty, the beloved statue Emma Lazarus called "Mother of Exiles," from whose "beacon-hand/Glows world-wide welcome." That welcome is America's welcome, which has ever beckoned millions upon millions of courageous souls to this land of freedom, justice, and opportunity.

Immigrants have always brought great gifts to their new home on these shores -- the gifts of hardiness and heart, of intellect and hope. Two hundred years ago, immigrants were among the framers of a Constitution for these United States. They knew what they were about, for they began that charter of liberty and limited government with the words, "We the People" and created what a future President named Lincoln would call "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

One immigrant, J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur, had described that people very well in 1782 when he wrote, "Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of man whose labors and posterity will one day cause great changes in the world." This prophecy came true, and immigrants helped, and are still helping, to make it so -- immigrants to a country and a people one in mutual loyalty and one in steady devotion to "freedom's holy Light."

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 86, has designated October 28, 1987, as "National Immigrants Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim...
October 28, 1987, as National Immigrants Day, and I call upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth.

Ronald Reagan

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Books: (see Hoeller's biblio)

USA

--Hoeller, Suzie. IMPASSE: Border Walls or Welcome the Stranger is a book for all who wish to repair our broken immigration system. Unlike many others writing on immigration issues, the author rejects the extremist and divisive rhetoric which has helped to sustain the policy impasse in Congress


WORLD


MADE IN LA FILM

With "Made in L.A.," Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar... show that despite the political or economic vices twisting down upon the planet, the elementary human spirit remains the most powerful force at work."

- Governor Bill Richardson

Dear friends,

It is an intense and inspiring time for Made in L.A. Slowly, with much hard work and passion, the film is reaching more and more people, and moving them to action. Children of immigrants are seeing their
parents' struggle reflected on screen for the first time, and one student told us, "the film makes me feel proud of what our parents went through". Community organizations are using the film to draw attention to local struggles, and universities are holding events that bring together students, academics, and local organizers to dialogue about issues in their communities. There is much, much more work to do, but we are firmly on the road, and we wanted to share our news with all of you.

**Screenings**

During the month of April, *Made in L.A.* is having no less than 5 international premieres and is screening in 7 different locations around the world: in Paris, Tel Aviv, Seoul, Mexico City, Rome, Gdansk (Poland) and several cities in Germany. In addition, there are dozens of US screenings including Chicago, Tucson, Santa Cruz, New York, Minneapolis, San Pedro and San Diego! To look for upcoming screenings in your area, visit our [screenings page](http://www.madeinla.com).

**Awards**

Upon our return from Northern California, Almudena received the National Association of Latino Independent Producers (NALIP) [Estela Award](http://www.madeinla.com), which honors "talented Latino/a filmmakers whose achievements reveal leadership, creativity, and tenacity, as well as vision and passion for their craft." It was deeply moving to receive this award... And, just a few days ago, we learned that *Made in L.A.* received the prestigious [SIGNIS Prize](http://www.madeinla.com) at the Voces contra el Silencio Festival in Mexico City!

**Educators and students– we need your help!**

We are asking students and educators across the country to help us place *Made in L.A.* in schools, colleges, universities and libraries so that it can be used by educators for years to come. Please help us spread the word - we can't do this without you! *Made in L.A.* is now available for classroom and library use from [California Newsreel](http://www.madeinla.com), the oldest non-profit social issue educational distributor in the country.

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