



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ACTING GOVERNOR CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE

Proclamation
Michele Serros

*Recipient of the
Third Annual Latino Legislative Caucus
"Spirit Award"*

WHEREAS, I am pleased to honor Ms. Michele Serros for her many years of community advocacy and contributions as a talented writer, and I congratulate her as she is recognized by the Latino Legislative Caucus with a "Spirit Award"; and

WHEREAS, while still a student at Santa Monica City College, Ms. Serros had her first book of poetry and short stories published, titled *Chicana Falsa: And Other Stories of Death, Identity, and Oxnard*; and since then, her work has become required reading for high-school and university students throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her written pieces, Ms. Serros has released a spoken-word compact disc and toured nationally with the *Lollapalooza* festival as a "road poet," sharing her art with crowds of more than 25,000 people; and

WHEREAS, a featured contributor to the children's fiction section of the *Los Angeles Times*, Ms. Serros has also written for the ABC television sitcom, *The George Lopez Show*; and her poems were chosen by the Getty Research Institute and the Poetry Society of America to be displayed on Metropolitan Transportation Authority buses throughout Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, as a community advocate, Ms. Serros has spoken at many high schools, universities and correctional facilities nationwide in an effort to promote literacy to all people; and she is being recognized with this prestigious accolade for her unwavering devotion to promoting acceptance for Latino culture and traditions worldwide; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that I, Cruz M. Bustamante, Acting Governor of the State of California, do hereby impart my deepest gratitude to Ms. Michele Serros for her many efforts on behalf of the people of our Golden State and beyond; and I encourage all Californians to join me in congratulating her on her accomplishments.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed on this 3rd day of May, of the Year Two Thousand and Four.

Cruz M. Bustamante

CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE, Acting Governor

ATTEST:

Kevin Shelley

KEVIN SHELLEY, Secretary of State