

Birthplace of President Richard Nixon Celebrating 100 Years

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors wishes to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the birthplace of Richard Nixon; and

WHEREAS, this farmhouse was built in 1912 by Richard Nixon's father, Frank Nixon, a onetime streetcar motorman in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Richard Nixon, who would grow to become the 37th President of the United States, was born in this humble farmhouse, on January 9, 1913; and

WHEREAS, the Nixon family cultivated crops, particularly citrus, on this property to generate a source of income until the family moved to Whittier, California in 1922; and

WHEREAS, Richard Nixon, emboldened by financial hardships and sickness among his family as a youth, went on from this home to excel through Fullerton Union and Whittier High Schools while working at his family grocery store and, forced to turn down an acceptance to Harvard University, was admitted to Whittier College while playing on the football team and becoming a champion debater; and

WHEREAS, Richard Nixon served honorably in the South Pacific during World War II, returning home to be elected to Congress, representing California's 12th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nixon would quickly rise to become a Senator from California, and Vice President of the United States for eight years under President Dwight D. Eisenhower, earning the respect and admiration of millions of people in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Nixon was inaugurated as President of the United States in 1969, holding his goals to achieve peace at the forefront of his domestic and foreign policy agendas, transferring power from the federal government to local governments and overseeing the desegregation of thousands of Southern schools, bringing hope to many of the once-disenfranchised, while signing such notable and precedent-setting agreements as the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty with the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, this house, once owned by the Yorba Linda School District and part of the Richard Nixon Elementary School which stood on the property where the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum stands today, was designated a historic landmark and was incorporated into the museum of the Nixon Library, restored and re-opened to the public on July 19, 1990; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the remarkable life which began in this house on January 9, 1913, the Richard Nixon Foundation is hosting a celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the construction of this house;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby join in the centennial celebration of the Birthplace of President Richard Nixon by extending their best wishes to all those gathered for the celebration, and urges the residents of the county, as well as visitors to the region, to visit the Nixon Library to learn more about and tour the birthplace of President Richard Nixon.

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