

IN RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

OCTOBER 2022

- WHEREAS,** IN OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR, WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HONOR ITALIAN AMERICANS, THEIR HERITAGE, CULTURE, AND ACHIEVEMENTS; AND
- WHEREAS,** ABOUT 5.5 MILLION ITALIANS CAME TO THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN 1820 AND 2004. ACCORDING TO A RECENT U.S. CENSUS BUREAU ESTIMATE THERE ARE 17.8 MILLION AMERICANS OF ITALIAN DESCENT LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES – MAKING UP AMERICA'S SEVENTH LARGEST ETHNIC GROUP. ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH COINCIDES WITH COLUMBUS DAY, THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATING THE DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICANS WITH ITALIAN LINEAGE; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN FIVE CENTURIES SINCE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS FIRST SET SAIL ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS HAVE FOLLOWED THE COURSE HE CHARTERED TO SEEK A NEW LIFE IN AMERICA; AND
- WHEREAS,** ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS HELPED PROVIDE THE LABOR FOR AMERICAN FACTORIES AND MINES AND HELPED BUILD ROADS, DAMS, TUNNELS, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURES. THEIR WORK PROVIDED THEM A SMALL ECONOMIC Foothold IN AMERICAN SOCIETY AND ALLOWED THEM TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES, WHICH STOOD AT THE CORE OF ITALIAN AMERICAN LIFE; AND
- WHEREAS,** ITALIAN AMERICANS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO EDUCATION, SCIENCE, FINANCE, ART, ENTERTAINMENT, AND AGRICULTURE. A FEW NOTABLES FROM AMONG THE MANY ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS WHO PLAYED A VITAL ROLE THROUGHOUT HISTORY INCLUDE: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, JOHN CABOT, AMERIGO VESPUCCI, ENRICO TONTI, FILIPPO MAZZEI, WILLIAM PACA, COLONEL FRANCESCO VIRGO, ALESSANDRO MALASPINA, GIACOMO BELTRAMI, CONSTANTINO BRUMIDI, A. P. GIANNI, ENRICO FERMI, AND JOHN BASILONE – THE FIRST ENLISTED MAN TO WIN THE MEDAL OF HONOR IN WORLD WAR II, AND GERALDINE FERRARO – THE FIRST WOMAN ON A MAJOR PARTY TICKET, RUNNING FOR VICE PRESIDENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** GENERATIONS OF ITALIAN AMERICANS HAVE HELPED SHAPE OUR SOCIETY AND STEER THE COURSE OF OUR HISTORY. THROUGH ENDURING VALUES OF FAITH AND FAMILY, ITALIAN AMERICANS HAVE FLOURISHED IN ALL AREAS OF OUR PUBLIC AND ECONOMIC LIFE. THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF ALL TIME HAS RESULTED IN A NEW PHASE IN HISTORY, SETTING NEW DIRECTIONS FOR MAN'S CULTURE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, OPENING THE DOOR TO HOPE, LIBERTY, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL, REGARDLESS OF NATIONAL ORIGIN, COLOR AND RELIGIOUS BELIEF; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2022 AS:

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

SIGNED THIS 12TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 2022, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
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