

# IN RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

OCTOBER 2024

- WHEREAS,** EACH OCTOBER, WE HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE RICH HERITAGE, CULTURE, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITALIAN AMERICANS, WHOSE ANCESTORS JOURNEYED TO THE UNITED STATES SEEKING NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND, IN TURN, HELPED SHAPE THE NATION'S HISTORY; AND
- WHEREAS,** FROM 1820 TO 2004, APPROXIMATELY 5.5 MILLION ITALIANS IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES, AND TODAY, THERE ARE NEARLY 17.8 MILLION AMERICANS OF ITALIAN DESCENT, MAKING UP ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST ETHNIC GROUPS; AND
- WHEREAS,** ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH COINCIDES WITH COLUMBUS DAY, A TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITALIAN AMERICANS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATION, FROM EARLY EXPLORERS LIKE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AND AMERIGO VESPUCCI TO MODERN LEADERS IN SCIENCE, EDUCATION, ARTS, AND POLITICS; AND
- WHEREAS,** ITALIAN AMERICANS HAVE EXCELLED IN EVERY FIELD, INCLUDING EDUCATION, SCIENCE, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, AND THE ARTS. NOTABLE FIGURES SUCH AS ENRICO FERMI, JOHN BASILONE, GERALDINE FERRARO, AND COUNTLESS OTHERS HAVE LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON OUR NATION'S PROGRESS AND VALUES; AND
- WHEREAS,** ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS HAVE PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN BUILDING AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE, PROVIDING LABOR FOR FACTORIES, MINES, AND CONSTRUCTION, AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FABRIC OF OUR COUNTRY WHILE UPHOLDING STRONG FAMILY VALUES AND COMMUNITY TIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE TRADITIONS, CULTURE, AND VALUES BROUGHT BY ITALIAN AMERICANS CONTINUE TO ENRICH OUR COMMUNITIES AND SERVE AS A REMINDER OF THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL ETHNIC GROUPS TO THE UNITED STATES; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2024 AS:

## ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

SIGNED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOBER 2024, AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON  
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