
ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: proclaiming October as Italian–American Heritage Month.

Whereas, in the early 1900s millions of immigrants and their families left their homes in Italy to come to America in search of a new life, bringing with them a strong strength of character, belief in hard work, devotion to family, love of life, and a reverence and appreciation for the arts; and

Whereas, connected by a shared heritage, a strong determination to succeed, and appreciation for the new freedom they found, Italian immigrants played an integral role in creating some of our country’s most valued national treasures, including the Lincoln Memorial, numerous statues and artwork in the National Cathedral and Capitol, as well as the dome and corridors of our own state capitol in Madison; and

Whereas, Italian–Americans are filled with pride and gratitude for family and ancestral culture which, through the generations, has greatly influenced almost every aspect of our nation’s culture, including language, history, architecture, food, fashion, film, politics, literature, music, sports, and government; and

Whereas, October has been celebrated as Italian–American Heritage Month for many years to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions Italian–Americans have made to enrich the fabric and foundation of our nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly hereby recognizes October as Italian–American Heritage Month in the state of Wisconsin and officially commends Italian–Americans for the numerous and invaluable contributions they have made to our country and the state of Wisconsin; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Italian Workmen’s Club of Madison, Italian–American Women’s Club of Madison, Italian Community Center of Milwaukee, Roma Lodge of Racine, Italian–American Society of Kenosha, and Club Italo Americano of Green Bay in recognition of their contributions to the diversity of the state of Wisconsin.

State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Representative Jeff Fitzgerald
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk