

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, This is the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the observance of Italian-American Heritage Month under the legislation signed in 1999 by Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci; and

Whereas, This is the 526<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first voyage of Christopher Columbus which led to our new world, the greatest discovery in history; and

Whereas, Frank Capra, Italian-American film director, became the great creative force for major award winning films of the 1930s and the 1940s including *It's a Wonderful Life*; and

Whereas, Giacomo Puccini, an Italian opera composer, is considered one of the most outstanding composers of Italian opera including renowned works such as *La Bohème* and *Tosca*; and

Whereas, Pietro Belluschi, a brilliant Italian Architect, was a leader of the Modern Movement in architecture and designed over 1000 buildings; and

Whereas, Rosaria Pomelli, born in Naples, graduated from MIT with a degree in architecture and after a remarkable career including promoting the work of women in architecture, was appointed Dean of the CCNY School of Architecture; and

Whereas, Ann Bancroft, an Italian-American, outstanding in her acting career, was born Anna Maria Louisa Italiano and won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her lead role in the *Miracle Worker*; and

Whereas, Alcide De Gasperi, an Italian Statesman who founded the Christian Democracy Party, was prime minister from 1945-1953, with such longevity serving as a political landmark in Italian politics; and

Whereas, Elena Cornaro Piscopio, a Venetian mathematician, was the first woman in the world to be awarded a university degree and graduated from the University of Padua in 1678; and

Whereas, Luciano Pavarotti, an Italian operatic tenor, became famous throughout the entire world adding to his opera repertoire popular music for his millions of followers,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018, to be,

## OCTOBER ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of October, in the year two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in black ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in black ink.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in black ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts