

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, This is the 21st Anniversary of the Observance of October as Italian American Heritage Month under legislation signed in 1999 by Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci; and

Whereas, This is the 528th Anniversary of Admiral Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World; and

Whereas, Dr. Anthony Fauci, grandson of an Italian immigrant, brilliant and highly respected immunologist, advisor to presidents, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; called heroic for his contributions to HIV/AIDS research; widely recognized as a leading authority and trusted advisor on the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

Whereas, We recognize the thoughtful and brilliant legal talents of Samuel Alito, son of an Italian immigrant with roots in Calabria and current respected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court appointed by President George W. Bush; and

Whereas, We celebrate the distinguished career of Geraldine Ferraro, proud daughter of an Italian immigrant, three year term in the House of Representatives, and first woman US vice presidential candidate of a national party; and

Whereas, We recognize Federico Fellini, Italian filmmaker, reputed to be the best film writer and director of all time for his creative focus on fantasy and history; and

*Whereas, We applaud the great international vocalist Connie Francis, born Concetta Maria Franconero, for her beautiful recordings and especially for singing in Italian, *Mama*, a tribute to Italian mothers,*

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October, 2020, 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 twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCE

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts