

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, This is the 20th 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 527th anniversary of the Great Admiral Christopher Columbus who courageously proved that our good earth is not flat but round; and who charted the perilous route that introduced the Old World to the New World; and

Whereas, We honor Leo Liotta, born of Sicilian parents and who grew up in the North End to become the boxer the world now knows as the "Boston Bomber" Tony De Marco. He fought his way to becoming the undisputed World Welterweight Champion and is now in the International Boxing Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, We recognize the unique talents of Yolanda Cellucci, never retired but still active, in her amazingly successful career in fashion design and for continuous generous financial support to so many worthy causes; and

Whereas, We celebrate the fiery career of Italian actress Anna Magnani, whose spellbinding talent won her international acclaim and the Academy Award for the 'Rose Tatoo' by Tennessee Williams; and

Whereas, We mark the passing 130 years ago of Antonio Meucci, who set up a voice communication link which preceded the invention of the telephone,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019, 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 nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in black ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karen E. Polito in black ink.

KAREN 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