

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, This is the 22nd 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 529th Anniversary of Admiral Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World; and

Whereas, Riccardo Giacconi, born in Genoa, Italian-American professor of astrophysics at Johns Hopkins University, was awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovering of X-Ray Astronomy; and

Whereas, Yogi Berra, born Lorenzo Pietro Berra of Italian immigrants, Yankee baseball legend, three times selected as baseball's most valuable player, appeared in 14 World Series, won 13 championship rings, known worldwide for his memorable quotes; and

Whereas, Helen Barolini, whose literary works often focusing on strong Italian-American women, has been noted for the intercultural ties between her American homeland and the ancestral Italy; and

Whereas, Rosina Bonavita, Rosie the Riveter, with Italian roots in Naples, became World War II Icon representing the power and strength of the Italian-American women who gave great support to the US World War II manufacturing effort,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October, 2021, 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-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.

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