

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, There are more than 26 million Americans of Italian descent, making it one of the largest ethnic groups in the nation; *and*

WHEREAS, National Italian-American Heritage month, was first recognized by the United States Congress in October 1989 as a tribute to all Italian-Americans and their culture; *and*

WHEREAS, October as Italian-American Heritage month, was passed by the Massachusetts General Court and signed into law by Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci in 1998; *and*

WHEREAS, Thousands of Italian Immigrants from the Liguria, Campana, Abruzzo, Sicily and Lazio regions have made their home in Boston Neighborhoods beginning in the 1860's, especially in the North End, East Boston, Brighton, Hyde Park and South Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of people of Italian descent have served the City of Boston selflessly in public office, including Thomas M. Menino, the longest serving Mayor in the History of Boston and the grandson of Italian Immigrants; *and*

WHEREAS, These immigrants have cultivated unique and beautiful neighborhoods whose atmosphere reflects the dedication to Italian culture, food, art, and religion ; *and*

WHEREAS, This month is an opportunity to celebrate the rich culture, food, art, and generational traditions of Italian-Americans ; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in honor of the history, culture, and heritage of Italians and Italian-Americans, recognize October 2022 as Italian-American Heritage month.

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