

Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER, ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY, IN PERPETUITY.

WHEREAS: October is celebrated Italian Heritage and Culture Month by proclamation of the President and Congress in the United States to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants living in the United States.

WHEREAS: Events are held throughout the month celebrating and educating the public about Italian -American history and culture.

WHEREAS: the contributions and legacy of Italians and Italian Americans played a vital role in making New Haven the vibrant and notable locale that is; and

WHEREAS: it is fitting an appropriate to proclaim a permanent day to celebrate centuries of contributions by the Italian community to our country, our state, our city and the world; and

WHEREAS: the goal of the day is to inform the public about the contributions made by Italians and Italian-Americans and to celebrate the impact that Italian culture and language have had and continue to have on our lives; and

WHEREAS: such a commemoration will bring people of goodwill together to gain a greater appreciation for the roles played by Italians and Italian-Americans in shaping our city and the lives and times of notable persons of Italian ancestry; and

WHEREAS: such a day encouraging cultural awareness will contribute to vital understanding and mutual respect for the bonds that hold our society together; and

WHEREAS: such an observance of an Italian Heritage Day will be inclusive of all members of the community and reaffirm the importance of celebrating a part of New Haven's beautiful mosaic of cultural identities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders, that in tribute to all of New Haven's Italian community and their contributions to our City, that the second Monday of October, be and hereby is proclaimed, in perpetuity, Italian Heritage Day in the City of New Haven.