



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **Resolution Proclaiming October 2022 Italian American Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County**

Whereas, in the five centuries since the first Italian explorers set sail across the Atlantic Ocean, countless individuals have followed the course they charted to seek a new and better life in America; and

Whereas, since that time, generations of Italian Americans have helped shape our society and steer the course of our history; and

Whereas, during Italian American Heritage month we recognize the rich heritage of Americans of Italian descent and celebrate their immeasurable contributions to our nation; and

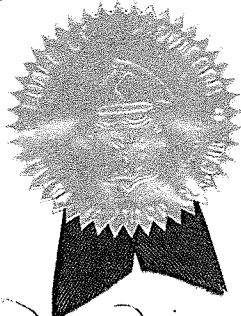
Whereas, it is important to remember that like most other immigrant populations, many of the new arrivals from Italy faced racial and religious bigotry. During one incident in New Orleans, nineteen Italians were lynched by a mob of 10,000 people; and

Whereas, during World War II, even though many Italian Americans served on the frontlines, heroically defending their new country, many others were labeled as aliens, forced from their homes and sent to internment camps; and

Whereas, Italian Americans persevered with hope and hard work to reach for their own American Dream and helped build this great country. Today, the legacy of these intrepid immigrants is found in the millions of American men, women and children who have drawn on the courage of their forefathers to lead in every facet of American Society from the Arts and Entertainment, to politics, finance and organized labor, and;

Whereas, as we honor the long history and vast contributions of Italian Americans, let us recommit to extending the promise of America to future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims 11<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2022 as Italian Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and extends congratulations and best wishes to all those of Italian descent.



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