



RESOLUTION

Proclaiming October 2024 as Italian American Heritage Month in Hanover Township

WHEREAS, October is a time to recognize the rich heritage of Americans of Italian descent and celebrate their immeasurable contributions to our Nation and state; and

WHEREAS, it was not until the 1820s that Italian immigrants began moving to the United States in sizable numbers and soon helped fuel a booming industrial economy by providing labor for American factories and mines and helping to build roads, dams, tunnels and other infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as of April 2024, the Italian American population in the United States is estimated to be around 16 million, or 4.8% of the total population, making Italian Americans the fourth largest ethnic group in the country; and

WHEREAS, more than half a million Italian Americans live in greater Chicago, with Illinois ranking eleventh among states with the largest Italian Americans population; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have flourished in all areas of our public and economic life while preserving their proud Italian traditions. Upon arrival in the United States, the Italian American community faced racial, social, and religious discrimination. Yet, Italian Americans have persevered with hope and hard work to reach for the American dream and helped build our great country; and

WHEREAS, the strength and success of the United States, the vitality of our communities, and the effectiveness of our society depend, in great measure, upon the distinctive and sterling qualities demonstrated by people of diverse races, heritages, and ethnicities, exemplified by members of the Italian and Italian American community, who share their rich and unique heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Hanover Township Board of Trustees, Cook County, Illinois, that October 2024 is Italian American Heritage Month in Hanover Township

Dated: October 15, 2024

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Hanover Township to be affixed hereto.

Trustee Alisa "Lee" Beattie

Trustee Craig Essick

Trustee Eugene N. Martinez

Trustee Denise Noyola

Supervisor Brian P. McGuire

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