

## 2015-J2930

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2015 as Italian Heritage and Culture Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those whose true purpose and worthy accomplishment foster a spirit of community as they promote and recognize the goals and ideals of the rich cultural heritage of the Italian community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2015 as Italian Heritage and Culture Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee (IHCC) of New York, a not-for-profit organization, was founded in 1976; Dr. Angelo Gimondo, its Founding Chairman, has played a leadership role since the beginning; its Board of Directors is composed of prominent representatives of New York's Italian-American community, and Joseph Sciamè continues to ably serve as its President and Chairman; and

WHEREAS, IHCC's Board of Directors, consisting of Italian and Italian-American leaders in Greater New York, announced the 2015 theme: Italian Creativity: Celebrating 50 Years of Science and Technology; New York World's Fair 1965-Expo Milano 2015; and

WHEREAS, During the year, there will be events with a special focus on highlighting the Italian and the Italian American scientific and technological advances over the past five decades; there will be related lectures, panels, receptions and proclamations at every level of government in collaboration with the Italian Consulate, educational institutions and other community organizations; we welcome all to join in this salute to Science and Technology with its Italian and Italian American contributions; and

WHEREAS, For the year 2015, the IHCC-NY, Inc. recognizes Expo Milano 2015, a worldwide celebration in Italy, saluting the various programs that will be sponsored, especially in the month of October 2015, a positive representation of all that has occurred and is occurring in Italy and presented to the world; that gift has been hundreds of years of inventions and research that have brought about some of the most creative outcomes in the fields of science and technology; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture, which began as a week-long event, has grown to a month-long celebration of special events and programs organized and hosted by cultural associations, community centers, libraries, schools and universities during the month of October; and

WHEREAS, Each October is dedicated to a specific theme or personality representative of the history and culture of Italy and Italian-Americana; October 2015 marks the 39th Anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month; and

WHEREAS, Italian-American cultural events and programs venerating Italian history, culture, and the many significant contributions of Italians, Italian-Americans, and Italian culture to America will take place throughout New York State during this special month for people of all cultures to enjoy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2015 as Italian Heritage and Culture Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; and Joseph Sciamè, President and Chairman of the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of New York, Inc.