

## 2015-J4451

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2016 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 2016 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, For the year 2016, the IHCC-NY, Inc. recognizes Expo Milano 2016, a worldwide celebration in Italy, saluting the various programs that will be sponsored, especially in the month of October 2016, 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 2016 marks the 40th 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 2016 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.