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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 2, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2001 as "Italian Heritage
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Italian heritage is richly entwined in the history
4 of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The voyages of explorer Christopher Columbus
6 resulted in the discovery of the American continents on October
7 12, 1492; and

8 WHEREAS, Italians and people of Italian descent have made
9 remarkable contributions to the development of our country
10 through exploration, science, literature, business and

1 government; and

2 WHEREAS, Our government was created and formed with
3 contributions from Italian Americans such as William Paca, a
4 signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Philip Mazzei,
5 organizer of the Constitutional Society, a forum for development
6 of the Constitution of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, James Latta graduated with six classmates in the
8 first class of what is now known as the University of
9 Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, Alessandro Malaspina surveyed the Pacific coast in
11 1791, drawing extensive maps and charts later used for further
12 exploration of the territory; and

13 WHEREAS, Eusabio Valli in 1816 contracted yellow fever for
14 the purpose of developing a vaccine for immunization; and

15 WHEREAS, On a sidewalk in Wilkes-Barre in 1897, Amedeo Obici
16 first sold roasted peanuts, a business he later named the
17 Planters Peanut Company; and

18 WHEREAS, Rosa Maria Segale fought against great odds,
19 including several encounters with the renowned outlaw Billy The
20 Kid, to found the first public schools in New Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, Charles Joseph Bonaparte, Attorney General under
22 President Theodore Roosevelt, founded the Federal Bureau of
23 Investigation; and

24 WHEREAS, Enrico Fermi's development of the first controlled
25 nuclear energy reaction initiated the atomic age; and

26 WHEREAS, Man landed on the moon under the direction of Rocco
27 Petrone, director of the NASA Apollo space program; and

28 WHEREAS, Italian Americans have bravely defended our country
29 from the Revolutionary War to the present and led the fight
30 against slavery; and

1 WHEREAS, Twenty-four soldiers of Italian descent have been
2 awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

3 WHEREAS, Countless men and women of Italian descent have
4 served our county with distinction, building roads, founding
5 universities and making vital medical and scientific discoveries
6 that have shaped the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The lives of Americans today are vastly improved and
8 affected by the dedication and devotion of Italian Americans
9 throughout history; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 month of October 2001 as "Italian Heritage Month" in
12 Pennsylvania.