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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 462 Session of  
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 18, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2007 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  
11 government; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30       WHEREAS, Twenty-four soldiers of Italian descent have been

1 awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

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

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

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 month of October 2007 as "Italian Heritage Month" in  
11 Pennsylvania.