
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1066 Session of
2014

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MATZIE, GINGRICH, CLAY, HEFFLEY, McCARTER, MAJOR, ROCK,
GIBBONS, GILLEN AND MURT, OCTOBER 3, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 3, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2014 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

12 WHEREAS, Our government was created and formed with
13 contributions from Italian Americans such as William Paca, a
14 signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Philip Mazzei,

1 organizer of a forum for development of the Constitution of the
2 United States known as the Constitutional Society; and

3 WHEREAS, James Latta graduated with six classmates in the
4 first class of what is now known as the University of
5 Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, Alessandro Malaspina surveyed the Pacific coast in
7 1791, drawing extensive maps and charts later used for further
8 exploration of the territory; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1816, Eusabio Valli contracted yellow fever for
10 the purpose of developing a vaccine for immunization; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Charles Joseph Bonaparte, Attorney General under
18 President Theodore Roosevelt, founded the Federal Bureau of
19 Investigation; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Italian Americans have bravely defended our country
25 since the Revolutionary War to the present and led the fight
26 against slavery; and

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

29 WHEREAS, Countless men and women of Italian descent have
30 served our country with distinction by building roads, founding

1 universities and making vital medical and scientific discoveries
2 that have shaped the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, The lives of Americans today are vastly improved and
4 affected by the dedication and devotion of Italian Americans
5 throughout history; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
7 month of October 2014 as "Italian Heritage Month" in
8 Pennsylvania.