
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1078 Session of
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KENYATTA, STRUZZI, DeLUCA, CIRESI AND YOUNGBLOOD,
OCTOBER 20, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 20, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Italian-American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, While Italians have always been a part of American
4 history, it was not until the 1820s that Italian immigrants
5 began moving to the United States in sizable numbers; and

6 WHEREAS, As Italian Americans began settling in major cities
7 across the United States, they often faced religious and ethnic
8 discrimination which occasionally led to brutal violence; and

9 WHEREAS, Currently, there are more than 17 million Americans
10 of Italian heritage in the United States, and more than 1.4
11 million Americans of Italian heritage reside in Pennsylvania;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Italian Americans have become one of this
14 Commonwealth's most influential ethnic groups, with deep roots
15 in religion, politics, the arts, science, law and economic and

1 social institutions to preserve their heritage; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Sons and
3 Daughters of Italy is the largest organization in this
4 Commonwealth for men and women of Italian heritage, with many
5 lodges located in almost every county in this Commonwealth;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
8 month of October 2020 as "Italian-American Heritage Month" in
9 Pennsylvania and commend the early immigrants for their
10 important role in our Commonwealth's history.