

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, October is National Italian American Heritage and Culture Month; and

**WHEREAS**, from the early explorers to the 5.5 million working class immigrants who arrived in the United States around the beginning of the twentieth century, Italian Americans have helped shape and develop our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has specific historical ties to the Italian culture including early exploration, mass immigration, and business establishment; and

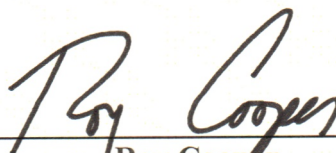
**WHEREAS**, there are an estimated 200,000 Italian Americans residing in North Carolina; along with their focus on family, faith, strong work ethic, and love of country, Italian Americans are particularly proud of their outstanding representation in industry, government, and academia in our great state; and

**WHEREAS**, Italian Americans have made significant economic and cultural contributions to our state and nation in the areas of government, science and technology, arts and entertainment, literature, products and design, and food; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina joins in celebrating the Italian American community and recognizes their contributions to the growth and prosperity of our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2020, as “**ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.