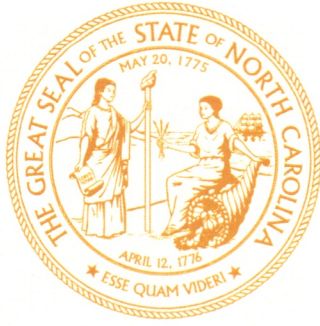




# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

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

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

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has specific historical ties to the Italian culture, including early exploration, mass immigration, and business establishment; and nearly the 400,000 Italian Americans reside who in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, along with their focus on family, faith, work ethic, and love of country, Italian Americans are particularly proud of their outstanding representation in industry, government, medicine, and academia in North Carolina; and

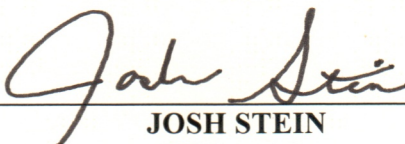
**WHEREAS**, over generations, Italian Americans have profoundly shaped the fabric of American society, contributing to politics, visual arts, literature, sports, cuisine, music, and science; and

**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 the many contributions to the growth and prosperity of our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as “**ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH**” in North Carolina and commend its observance.



  
JOSH STEIN  
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-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.