

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: \*A-2c

AGENDA DATE: September 20, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Proclaim October 2016 as Italian Heritage Month in Stanislaus County

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2016-483

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa  
and approved by the following vote.

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King  
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
AGENDA ITEM**

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: \*A-2c

Urgent  Routine

GJK

AGENDA DATE: September 20, 2016

CEO CONCURRENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

---

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Proclaim October 2016 as Italian Heritage Month in Stanislaus County

---

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Proclaim October 2016 as Italian Heritage Month in Stanislaus County.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Elizabeth King, Clerk of the Board

Phone number: 209-525-4494

## **PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2016 AS ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, Italian Americans came to this beautiful land of promise and took part in the founding of this great nation; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have stood in support of this nation's freedom, and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of its liberty; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have contributed in numerous and significant ways to our nation, our state, and importantly, to our County of Stanislaus; and,

WHEREAS, according to the US Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey report, there are 18 million Italian Americans living nationwide, and approximately 29,000 in the Central Valley; and,

WHEREAS, a University of Chicago study showed that Italian Americans are among those groups having the lowest percentages of divorce, unemployment, people on welfare, and those incarcerated. In addition, Italian Americans are among those groups with the highest percentages of two-parent families, elderly family members still living at home, and families who eat together on a regular basis; and,

WHEREAS, it should not be forgotten that Italian Americans faced racial, social, and religious discrimination, and face negative stereotyping to this day;

WHEREAS, in 1905, Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro, at his Inaugural address in New York as Founder of the Order Sons of Italy in America, stated, "Today, I have a dream, and hope that someday, even if it takes a hundred more years before we are fully accepted, our children and their children's children, even if they carry a single drop of Italian blood, will be able and proud to carry on our traditions, our culture, and our language;"

WHEREAS, today, four generations later, Dr. Sellaro's dream has been realized. Despite hardships and obstacles, Italian Americans residing In Stanislaus County have pursued and continue to pursue the American Dream through hard work and self-sacrifice, making valuable and positive contributions to our communities and local economy; they are our farmers, merchants, musicians, artists, teachers, public safety officers, business owners, entrepreneurs, politicians, and professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim October 2016 as Italian American Heritage month in Stanislaus County and commends this observance to all our residents.