

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-4b

AGENDA DATE: September 19, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval of Proclaim October 2017 as Italian American Heritage Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-506

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

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

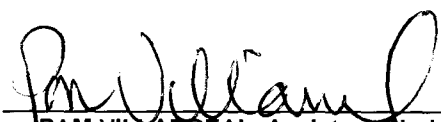
3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

This Item was removed from the consent calendar for discussion and consideration.

ATTEST:


PAM VILLARREAL, Assistant Clerk

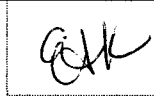
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Urgent Routine



AGENDA DATE: September 19, 2017

CEO CONCURRENCE: _____

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim October 2017 as Italian American Heritage Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim October 2017 as Italian American Heritage Month in Stanislaus County.

CONTACT PERSON:

Elizabeth King, Clerk of the Board

Phone number: 209-525-4494

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2017 AS ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Italians came to this beautiful land, full of promise and while not all, most Italians arriving in the United States were from the humblest of origins, but through hard work and determination, they became representative of the American Dream; and,

WHEREAS, Italian Americans, with a love for their new country, we took part in the founding of this great nation. William Paca, a representative of Maryland, and later Governor of Maryland and a United States federal judge, was a signatory to the United States Declaration of Independence; and,

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have stood in support of this nation's freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of its liberty. The million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine; and,

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have contributed in numerous and significant ways to our nation, from artist Constantino Brumidi's masterpieces in the United States Capitol to the legendary performances of Frank Sinatra to the brilliant leadership of New York City's Rudy Giuliani, to 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; and,

WHEREAS, Italian Americans strive to promote and inspire a positive image and legacy; and,

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"; and,

WHEREAS, today, 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; and,

WHEREAS, becoming an American without reservation, and loving this land as one who understands its history, its agonies and its triumphs; we love and serve as fully as any other American.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim October 2017 as Italian American Heritage month in Stanislaus County and commends this observance to all our residents.