



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Italians began migrating to the United States in 1880, and today there are more than 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the country; and

WHEREAS, with more than half a million Italian Americans living in greater Chicagoland, Illinois has been ranked seventh among states with the largest Italian American populations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is home to a proud and vibrant Italian American community that has contributed greatly to Chicago's cultural fabric and identity by influencing the arts and education, business and government, social service, and scientific and technological advancements; and

WHEREAS, October has been designated Italian American Heritage Month to celebrate the cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions Italian Americans have made in Chicago and across the country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October 2022 to be ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the many contributions of Italian Americans.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.


Mayor