



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chicago's Italian American community has contributed greatly to the cultural fabric and demographic landscape of this diverse city since its earliest days; and

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

WHEREAS, Italian Americans make up the fifth largest ethnic groups in the country and the United States has been fortified by the talents and culture of its residents of Italian descent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is home to a proud and vibrant Italian American community that has undoubtedly impacted culture and industry by influencing the arts and education, business and government, social service, and scientific and technological advancements near and far; 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 2020 to ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the many contributions of Italian Americans.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2020.


Mayor