

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Italians and their descendants in America have had an effect on society from the Renaissance Period to today. Italians have influenced the arts, exploration, sports and science and few celebrities like Sophia Loren; and

WHEREAS, Italians had their influence in history, with great people like Leonardo de Vinci, Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, and a great scientist/physicist Fabide Gianotti. Giovanni Caboto (John Cabot) who discovered North America; and

WHEREAS, Italians in sports, like Joe DiMaggio, Lamont Marcell Jacobs, Olympic Gold Winner in 2021, noted the fastest man in the world, Soccer player Giuseppe Rossi to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the order of Sons of Italy in America was started in 1905. The Vancouver Lodge of Sons and daughters was organized in 1995. Sons of Italy give scholarships, donate to local and national charities; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have helped build the Northwest, currently there are 15 lodges and 1100 members. Italian Americans have had a great influence on the Italian culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be

“Italian Heritage Month”

in the City of Vancouver and I encourage all people in our community to learn more about Italian Heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 16th day of October, 2023.



Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE MCENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR