

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

Reps. Aragona, DeBoyer, Pavlov, Prestin, Harris, St. Germaine, Wozniak, Roth, Beson, Schmaltz, Frisbie, Markkanen, Bohnak, Johnsen, DeSana, McFall, Linting, Borton, Cavitt, Maddock, Liberati, Herzberg, VanderWall, Thompson, Fox and Schuette offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2025 as Italian-American
2 Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the importance of
4 celebrating our country's rich Italian heritage and the significant
5 contributions of Italian-Americans communities to our history,
6 culture, and growth as a nation; and

7 Whereas, Columbus Day has long been observed as a day to honor
8 the spirit of exploration, discovery, and perseverance that has
9 shaped the United States and inspired generations of Americans; and

10 Whereas, Christopher Columbus, a visionary navigator and

1 courageous explorer, opened the door to a new era of discovery,
2 courage, and progress, embodying the spirit of adventure and
3 determination that continues to inspire generations of Americans;
4 and

5 Whereas, The holiday also serves as a celebration of the
6 Italian-American community, whose traditions, values, and hard work
7 have greatly influenced Michigan's culture, economy, and civic
8 life; and

9 Whereas, Italian immigration has played a vital role in
10 shaping strong neighborhoods, parishes, and cultural institutions,
11 while also contributing significantly to the growth of industry,
12 small business, and public service in our state; and

13 Whereas, Italian immigrants and their descendants have
14 enriched Michigan through their dedication to family, faith, and
15 community, leaving a lasting mark on the arts, labor, media,
16 politics, and education; and

17 Whereas, The celebration of Columbus Day highlights not only
18 the broader American vision, but also the unique story of Italian
19 immigration to Michigan, reminding us of the resilience,
20 determination, and pride of those who left their homeland to build
21 a better future; and

22 Whereas, Michigan, with its proud and active Italian-American
23 community, joins states and communities across the nation in
24 recognizing Columbus Day as a symbol of exploration, resilience,
25 cultural heritage, and the enduring contributions of Italian
26 immigrants; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
28 this legislative body declare October 2025 as Italian-American
29 Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize this

1 month as a celebration of the achievements and contributions of
2 Italian-Americans and Italian immigrants who have helped build and
3 strengthen our state and country.