



2011 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 11

September 13, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives BARCA, KLEEFISCH and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming October as Italian-American Heritage Month. $\mathbf{2}$ Whereas, in the early 1900s millions of immigrants and their families left their 3 homes in Italy to come to America in search of a new life, bringing with them a strong 4 strength of character, belief in hard work, devotion to family, love of life, and a $\mathbf{5}$ reverence and appreciation for the arts; and 6 Whereas, connected by a shared heritage, a strong determination to succeed, 7 and appreciation for the new freedom they found. Italian immigrants played an 8 integral role in creating some of our country's most valued national treasures, 9 including the Lincoln Memorial, numerous statues and artwork in the National 10 Cathedral and Capitol, as well as the dome and corridors of our own state capitol in Madison; and 11 12Whereas, Italian-Americans are filled with pride and gratitude for family and 13 ancestral culture which, through the generations, has greatly influenced almost 14every aspect of our nation's culture, including language, history, architecture, food, 15fashion, film, politics, literature, music, sports, and government; and

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Whereas, October has been celebrated as Italian-American Heritage Month for
many years to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions
Italian-Americans have made to enrich the fabric and foundation of our nation; now,
therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly hereby recognizes
October as Italian–American Heritage Month in the state of Wisconsin and officially
commends Italian–Americans for the numerous and invaluable contributions they
have made to our country and the state of Wisconsin; and, be it further
<i>Resolved, That</i> the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
to the Italian Workmen's Club of Madison, Italian-American Women's Club of
Madison, Italian Community Center of Milwaukee, Roma Lodge of Racine,
Italian-American Society of Kenosha, and Club Italo Americano of Green Bay in
recognition of their contributions to the diversity of the state of Wisconsin.
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