

## RESOLUTION NO. 451

### HONORING THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION FOR FORTY YEARS OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND SOCIETAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Introduced: 10/15/19

By: Mauriello, Feeney, A. Joyce, Beston, Bullock, Burgdorf, Cahill, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Commisso, Crouse, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Dawson, Domalewicz, Drake, Ethier, Fein, Frainier, Grimm, Hogan, R. Joyce, Mss. Lekakis, Lockart, McLean Lane, Messrs. Mendick, Miller, O'Brien, Peter, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Reinhardt, Simpson, Smith, Stevens, Touchette, Tunny Ward and Willingham:

WHEREAS, The American Italian Heritage Association was established 40 years ago to record and preserve the cultural contributions of Italian Heritage to the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, The preservation of traditional customs and experiences of our ancestors further enhances today's understanding of our cultural roots, and

WHEREAS, After years of successful growth and community involvement, the American Italian Heritage Association opened a Museum in 2009 on the site of a former church built by Italian immigrant laborers in 1922, and

WHEREAS, To further their mission even more, the American Italian Heritage Association opened a Cultural Center in 2014, and

WHEREAS, Over decades of community engagement and historical preservation the American Italian Heritage Association has made innumerable contributions to the cultural fabric of Albany County, New York State, and the region, and

WHEREAS, For their 40<sup>th</sup> celebration, the American Italian Heritage Association will be bestowing honors upon ten individuals for their contributions to the preservation of American Italian culture, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature takes pause in its deliberations to recognize the significant impact and contribution of the American Italian Heritage Association and its many members, officers, and volunteers, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That since October is Italian-American Heritage Month, this honorable body hereby designates October 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 as American Italian Heritage Association Day in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, suitably embossed, be delivered to the Italian American Heritage Association in recognition of their work.

*Adopted by unanimous vote – 10/15/19*