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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 475 Session of  
2013

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2013 as "Italian Heritage  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Italian heritage is richly entwined in the history  
4 of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The voyages of explorer Christopher Columbus  
6 resulted in the discovery of the American continents on October  
7 12, 1492; and

8 WHEREAS, Italians and people of Italian descent have made  
9 remarkable contributions to the development of our country  
10 through exploration, science, literature, business and  
11 government; and

12 WHEREAS, Our government was created and formed with  
13 contributions from Italian Americans such as William Paca, a

1 signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Philip Mazzei,  
2 organizer of the Constitutional Society, a forum for development  
3 of the Constitution of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, James Latta graduated with six classmates in the  
5 first class of what is now known as the University of  
6 Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Alessandro Malaspina surveyed the Pacific coast in  
8 1791, drawing extensive maps and charts later used for further  
9 exploration of the territory; and

10 WHEREAS, Eusabio Valli in 1816 contracted yellow fever for  
11 the purpose of developing a vaccine for immunization; and

12 WHEREAS, On a sidewalk in Wilkes-Barre in 1897, Amedeo Obici  
13 first sold roasted peanuts, a business he later named the  
14 Planters Peanut Company; and

15 WHEREAS, Rosa Maria Segale fought against great odds,  
16 including several encounters with the renowned outlaw Billy The  
17 Kid, to found the first public schools in New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, Charles Joseph Bonaparte, Attorney General under  
19 President Theodore Roosevelt, founded the Federal Bureau of  
20 Investigation; and

21 WHEREAS, Enrico Fermi's development of the first controlled  
22 nuclear energy reaction initiated the atomic age; and

23 WHEREAS, Man landed on the moon under the direction of Rocco  
24 Petrone, director of the NASA Apollo space program; and

25 WHEREAS, Italian Americans have bravely defended our country  
26 from the Revolutionary War to the present and led the fight  
27 against slavery; and

28 WHEREAS, Twenty-four soldiers of Italian descent have been  
29 awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

30 WHEREAS, Countless men and women of Italian descent have

1 served our county with distinction, building roads, founding  
2 universities and making vital medical and scientific discoveries  
3 that have shaped the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, The lives of Americans today are vastly improved and  
5 affected by the dedication and devotion of Italian Americans  
6 throughout history; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
8 month of October 2013 as "Italian Heritage Month" in  
9 Pennsylvania.