

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

OCTOBER 2026

WHEREAS, Italians began migrating to the United States in 1880, and today there are more than twenty-six million Americans of Italian descent in the country; and

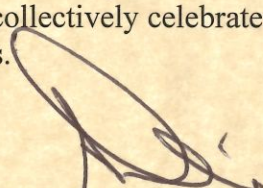
WHEREAS, with more than one and a half million Italian Americans living in New Jersey, has been ranked third among states with the largest Italian American populations; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is home to a proud and vibrant Italian American community. Italian Americans have contributed greatly to the cultural fabric and identity by influencing the arts and education, business and government, social service, and scientific and technological advancements of the Township, State and Country; and

WHEREAS, October has been designated Italian American Heritage Month to celebrate the cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions Italian Americans have made in the Township of Monroe and across the state and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim **October 2026** as **ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in the Township of Monroe and I ask all citizens both near and far to join with me as we recognize this month of heritage celebration and participate fittingly in its observance. The Italian American community, across the Township of Monroe, within the State of New Jersey, and across our great nation will collectively celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and religious traditions.

Dated: October 1, 2026


STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR