

## **ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS: October has become the official month to celebrate the Italian American culture and heritage after the 1989 proclamation by President George H.W. Bush designating it as Italian American Heritage Month; and

- WHEREAS: in the five centuries since Christopher Columbus set sail across the Atlantic Ocean, other individuals followed his path and started seeking a new life in America. Since then, generations of Italian Americans have helped shape our society and steer the course of our history; and
- WHEREAS: Italian American Heritage Month is an appropriate time to recognize the enormous contributions that the Italian and Italian American people have made to this country and the world throughout our history, as generals, admirals, philosophers, statesmen, musicians, athletes and Nobel Prize-winning scientists; and
- WHEREAS: the strength and success of the United States, the vitality of our communities, and the effectiveness of our American society depend in great measure, upon the distinctive and sterling qualities demonstrated by our various ethnic groups, exemplified by members of the Italian American community, who share with us their right and unique heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, do hereby proclaim October as "Italian American Heritage Month" throughout this City and salute the Italian American community for the culture and the heritage that have immeasurably enriched the lives of the people of this, state, county and city.

DONE this 10th day of October, 2016.



LAMAR FISHER MAYOR