

Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH October 2009

WHEREAS, Americans of Italian descent have flowed to this country throughout the past four centuries, and their heritage remains one of the great immigration stories – paying homage to Ellis Island and the growth of our cities; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Italian descent brought their remarkable traditions of hard work, respect for family, and their rich culture to the United States, contributing significantly to our own unique American culture; and

WHEREAS, many famous Italians have a place in our history, including Amerigo Vespucci, who first navigated the Eastern Seaboard and for whom the country is named, and Guiseppe Garibaldi, the hero of Italian Independence and an individual who spent time in New York contributing to the revolutionary thoughts of freedom; and

WHEREAS, October 2009 represents the second Italian-American Heritage Month, and alongside the recognition of Guiseppe Garibaldi on October 18, will feature a month-long celebration of events for Italian-Americans; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes the many contributions Italian-Americans have made to Colorado and the United States, and thanks them for their dedication and hard work that helped build this country;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 2009,

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-fifth day of August, 2009

Bill Ritter Jr.

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Governor