



## *Proclamation #15-102*

# *Italian American Heritage Month*

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina Governor Nicki Haley signed an Act on March 27, 2015 to add Section 53-3-200 to the South Carolina Code to designate the month of October of every year as "Italian American Heritage Month," to recognize the rich heritage of Americans of Italian descent and celebrate their immeasurable contributions to our Nation.

**WHEREAS**, Italian Americans have persevered with hope and hard work to reach for the American dream and helped build our great country. As proud service members, they have defended the liberty and integrity of the United States since the Revolutionary War.

**WHEREAS**, today the legacy of these intrepid immigrants is found in more than 26 million American men, women, and children of Italian descent who strengthen and enrich our country. Italian Americans operate thriving businesses, teach our children, serve at all levels of government, and succeed in myriad occupations, dedicating their knowledge and skills to the growth of our country.

**WHEREAS**, the Great Seal of the United States declares "out of many, one." As we forge new futures as a unified people, we must celebrate the unique and vibrant cultures that have written the American story. Many determined individuals have sought our shores as a beacon of hope and opportunity, and their spirit of limitless possibility and example of resolve continues to inspire and guide our Nation. As we honor the vast contributions of Italian Americans, let us recommit to extending the promise of America that embraces all future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas F. Samples, Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina** do hereby proclaim October 2015 as Italian American Heritage Month in the Town of Surfside Beach. I call upon all citizens to learn more about the history of Italian Americans, and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

**BE IT SO PROCLAIMED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.

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The Hon. Douglas F. Samples  
Mayor, Town of Surfside Beach

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk