

ATTENTION: All Italians, Italian Americans & Italian American Organizations

IT'S TIME TO ACT AS ONE! *(Please forward to as many people and organizations as possible)*

Italian & Italian American Heritage Month

As you are probably aware UNICO introduced a resolution last year to permanently make October "Italian & Italian American Heritage Month" in the United States. Congressmen Pascrell and Tiberi were able to put this into play by sponsoring H. Res 1705. Unfortunately, that resolution ended with the change in the Congress. Fortunately, UNICO has just gotten a new resolution introduced - it is H. Res. 367

If we want Heritage Month to pass this year we must call and keep calling our own respective congressional representatives. We appreciate that Congressmen Pascrell and Tiberi have reintroduced it in the new 2011 congress, but it needs support from OTHERS! It will only pass if other Members of Congress are contacted about this issue from their constituents.

Encouraging individuals to contact other Members of the IA delegation is a start but really only if they represent the individuals. To each representative it is all about their own constituents. If it is an issue for the constituent then it is an issue for the Representative.

SO PLEASE SEND E-MAILS NOW! IT'S TIME TO CONTACT YOUR OWN REPRESENTATIVES AND FOLLOW UP WITH LETTERS & PHONE CALLS. Get as many voters to do the same. Remember it's a numbers game and the constituents will get it done. To reach your representative by phone, call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202 224-3121. Say his/her name and you will be put through to his/her office. Then give your name and say you live in the representative's District. Say that you want him/her to become a co-sponsor. Also call Speaker Boehner's office at 202.225.0600 to call for a vote.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

http://www.niaf.org/public_policy/italian_american_congressional_delegation.asp

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Italian_American_politicians_by_state

CLICK LIST ABOVE TO SEE IF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IS ON THIS COMMITTEE ... Then contact them.
New plan for PETITIONS

- Do not send petitions to Congressman Pascrell or to me (Manny Alfano)
- Need a petition form ... go to www.UNICOCalendar.org
- <http://unicocalendar.org/2011-07-25%20Petition%20to%20Permanently%20Establish%20the%20Month%20of%20October%20as%20Italian.pdf>
- Collect signatures and send them to your congressional leader

Contacting your legislator is key

Ask them to cosponsor this resolution

- E-mail your representative
- Phone calls are extremely powerful
- Call your legislators Now and ask them to cosponsor this resolution
- Also send a letter. (A hard copy letter counts a great deal.)
- Please pass this on to those that can help us make this happen
- We will keep you abreast of the progress we make.
- Download new Petitions go to www.UNICOCalendar.org
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**Here is a sample E-mail and letter you can send to your representative.
Just copy and paste-in if you wish:**

Dear Representative (his/her last name):

As your constituent, I am asking you to please join in recognizing the great contributions and achievements made by Italians and Italian Americans to our great country and the world. I, along with many, many people here in our District and across the country, want this to be achieved by congressional resolution permanently designating October as Italian and Italian American Heritage Month in the US. You can demonstrate your support by co-sponsoring resolution: **H. Res. 367** introduced by Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. and Rep. Pat Tiberi, and working with the other co-sponsors to insure that this resolution comes up for a vote as soon as possible. It is long overdue and should be supported by all.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully yours,

(Your first and last name)
(Your full slow mail address)

READ THE RESOLUTION

H.RES.367 -- Whereas Italian and Italian American Heritage Month is an appropriate time to recognize the enormous contributions the Italian and Italian American people have made to this country... (Introduced in House - IH)

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.367:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.367)

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Contact Congressman Darrell Issa Chairman and ask that he posts H. Res 367 for a committee hearing and released for a Floor Vote!

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We need our California people to call the CA Office ... All the rest please call the DC Office

http://issa.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=597&Itemid=73

http://oversight.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=191&Itemid=3

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_House_Committee_on_Oversight_and_Government_Reform

Ask for their support and co-sponsorship!