

October can be Italian & Italian American Heritage Month

We need to start now!

As you are aware UNICO had introduced a resolution to make the month of October Italian & Italian American Heritage Month. Congressman Pascrell was able to put this into play by sponsoring H. Res 1705. Unfortunately, it ran out and Congressman Pascrell will reintroduce it later this year.

If we want the Heritage Month to pass this year we must call and keep calling our own respective congressional representatives. Congressman Pascrell has introduced it and will reintroduce it again in the new 2011 congress, but it needs support from outside of him... It will only pass if other Members of Congress are being 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.

SEND E-MAILS. FOLLOW UP WITH LETTERS & PHONE CALLS

Your one letter, E-Mail and/or phone call can result in co-sponsorship

PLEASE SEND E-MAILS TO 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.

1. 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 co-sponsor House Concurrent Resolution 1705.
2. To E-mail your representative call Kristen Molloy at Congressman Pascrell's Washington DC Office **202-225-5751**. She will give you your representatives aides E-mail. Also send a letter. (A hard copy letter counts a great deal.)
3. Please pass this on to those that can help us make this happen.
4. On the next page is a sample E-mail and letter you can send to your representative.
Just copy and paste-in if you wish:

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[HTTP://WWW.NIAF.ORG/PUBLIC_POLICY/ITALIAN AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.ASP](http://www.niaf.org/public_policy/italian_american_congressional_delegation.asp)

CLICK LIST ABOVE TO SEE IF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IS ON THIS COMMITTEE

Keep sending petitions. If you need a petition please go to www.UNICOcalendar.org

We are in touch with Congressman Pascrell office and will keep you abreast of the progress we make.

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Date:

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. Con. Res. 1705, introduced by Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr., 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 (postal) mail address)