

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 2026 AS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Italian Heritage Month is commemorated every October to honor the Italian American community and the traditions, language, and customs, that inspire and influence the world and Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Italian immigrants and their descendants have shaped American life through innovation, labor, finance, culture, science, religion, and public leadership. Their contributions remain deeply embedded in the nation's institutions, industries, and cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, these contributions are broad-based and consequential: ground-breaking milestones in modern physics, engineering, and medicine by Enrico Fermi reverberate today; the aircraft worker who inspired the iconic figure Rosie the Riveter was Italian American Rose Bonavita; and Italian American Constantino Brumidi painted major frescoes in the U.S. Capitol, including the Capitol Dome; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have a modest but enduring presence in Lake County, dating mainly from the late 19th century, with concentrations in the southern part of the county; and

WHEREAS, distinctive traditions centered around family, food, and friendship were established and carried forward for nearly a century. These include summer getaways to "Little Italy" near Loch Lomond and annual festivities such as Ferragosto (August 15); and

WHEREAS, these events united families and the broader community in celebrating the many contributions Italians Americans have made to Lake County, particularly to local agriculture, and all residents are encouraged to join in acknowledging the rich heritage, pride, and enduring impact of Italian immigrants on our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake declares October 2026 as Italian Heritage Month in Lake County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of October 2026.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____



Chair, Board of Supervisors