Proclamation

by Governor Joe Manchin III

Whereas, every year the President of the United States signs an executive order designating the month of October as *National Italian American Heritage Month*; and,

Whereas, coinciding with the festivities surrounding Columbus Day, the proclamation is recognition of the many achievements, contributions, and successes of Americans of Italian descent as well as Italians in America; and,

Whereas, today there are over 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States, making them the fifth largest ethnic group; and,

Whereas, many positive aspects of our culture, whether it be art or music, law or politics, reflect the influence of Italian Americans; and,

Whereas, it is fitting and appropriate that we pay tribute to the countless contributions made by Italian Americans;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim ***October 2010*** as:

Italian American Heritage and Culture Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten, and in the One Hundred Forty-eighth year of the State.

Joe Manchin III
Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State