

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 37th Annual Italian Heritage and Culture Celebration

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. (IHCC) upon the occasion of its 37th Annual Italian Heritage and Culture Celebration designating October as Italian Heritage and Culture Month; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme is an initiative of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Giulio Terzi Sant'Agata, coordinated by the Italian Ambassador in the United States, Claudio Bisogniero, and in collaboration with the Office of the Consul General, Natalia Quintavalle; and

WHEREAS, The New York events will include theme-related lectures, panels, receptions, and proclamations at every level of government in concert with the Italian Consulate, educational institutions, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, The multifaceted theme, highlighting Italy's history and culture in every area of creative endeavors, will emphasize research, discovery and innovation, as well as what is evident in Italy's significant historical contributions to world civilization, its connection with the science, technology, and art of contemporary Italy, and its ever-presence throughout the culture and daily life in America; and

WHEREAS, Special commemorative anniversaries will be noted such as the Bicentennial of Verdi's birth; the 700th Anniversary of Boccaccio's birth; the 500th Anniversary of Machiavelli's The Prince; and the 50th Anniversary of the Lamborghini; and

WHEREAS, Unique to this year's celebration is not only the production of the singular Italian Heritage and Culture Committee's annual poster but also nine subsequent brilliant posters, underscoring the Italian Government's themes: Music and Theater; Science and Technology; Language and Literature; Art; Cinema and Photography; Italian Brand & Design; Italian Territories; Tastes and Flavors of Italy; and the Next Generation; and

WHEREAS, The annual poster depicts Michelangelo's David-Apollo, presently on loan from Museo del Bargello, Florence, Italy, to the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., where the inaugural event was launched; and

WHEREAS, IHCC Artistic Director, John DeSantis conceived the collectible series, which are available on the IHCC website via on demand printing as they are launched; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, March 12, 2013, an Opening Exhibit will take place at the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute recognizing the stellar work of John DeSantis, as well as the articulate planning of the members of the Board of Directors, which is made up of both Italian and Italian-American leaders throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The year 2013 has been designated by the Government of Italy through the Offices of the Foreign Ministry of Italy and the Embassy in Washington, DC, as the Year of Italian Culture in the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and committees of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 37th Annual Italian Heritage and Culture Celebration, and to extend best wishes to the President/Chair Joseph Sciame, and all members of the IHCC Board of Directors as they embark on a year-long celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Sciame, President/Chair, Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc.