



PROCLAMATION

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2020

WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Italian American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival in the United States, the Italian American community faced racial, social, and religious discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, despite this discrimination, Italian Americans have persevered with hope and hard work to reach for the American dream and helped build our great country; and,

WHEREAS, as proud service members, they have also defended the liberty and integrity of the United States since the Revolutionary War; and,

WHEREAS, bound by enduring values of faith and family, Italian Americans have flourished in all areas of our public and economic life while preserving their proud Italian traditions; and

WHEREAS, Today, the legacy of these intrepid immigrants is found in the millions of Americans of Italian descent who strengthen and enrich our country; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans operate thriving businesses, teach our children, serve at all levels of government, and succeed in myriad occupations; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have helped shape society and steer the course of history; and

WHEREAS, Drawing on the courage and principles of their forebears, they lead in every facet of American life, dedicating their knowledge and skills to the growth of our country.

THEREFORE, I, Catherine M. Adduci, President of the Village Board of Trustees of River Forest, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as Italian American Heritage Month, to recognize the rich heritage of Americans of Italian descent and celebrate their immeasurable contributions to our community and nation.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of River Forest, this 12th day of October 2020.

By:

Catherine M. Adduci, President
Village of River Forest