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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Dear Prime Minister, Ministers and Members of Parliament:

Re: June Italian Heritage Month Celebrations

As you may know, Ontario celebrates Italian Heritage Month during the month of June each year. In 2010, the Ontario provincial government passed Bill 103 proclaiming June as Italian Heritage Month.


Since its inception, Italian Heritage Month has been celebrated across Canada notwithstanding that the legislation was passed only by the Province of Ontario.

Today marks the beginning of the 6th anniversary where we are celebrating the contributions of Italians across Canada to the building of this magnificent country. On the occasion of this anniversary, we are writing on behalf of the more than 1.5 million Canadians of Italian descent to request that all parties unanimously support legislation similar to the legislation passed in the province of Ontario, by making Italian Heritage Month a national celebration.

We are very interested in collaborating with all parties to ensure that this legislation is passed as soon as possible so that we may record its significance as part of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017.

Yours very truly,

Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation



Per: Michael A. Tibollo
Chairman

Cc: His Excellency Gian Lorenzo Cornado, Ambassador of Italy
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