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- Whereas: Italians, like Amerigo Vespucci and Christopher Columbus, were of the first explorers to discover the American continents and illustrate the geography and they were the first Italians to land on our shores;
- Whereas: Since then, Italians and Italian Americans have made great contributions to America's society economically, culturally, and politically;
- Whereas: Italian Americans have toiled and labored while helping to build our Nation's and City's infrastructure, including railroads, tunnels, highways, and subways;
- Whereas: Italian Americans provided much of the work force in the shoe and other industries of Haverhill providing for the growth of our City;
- Whereas: great Italian American political figures, such as Fiorella La Guardia (who was both Mayor of, then Congressman from, New York City), Anthony Celebrezze (who, in the Kennedy administration, was the first Italian American Cabinet member), and Antonin Scalia (who, in 1982, became the first Italian American Supreme Court Justice), have enriched the political process and brought national pride to our country;
- Whereas: over 5.4 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 1991, which today has resulted in over 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States, making them the fifth largest ethnic group; and

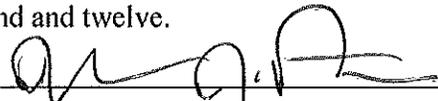
NOW, THEREFORE I, JAMES J. FIORENTINI MAYOR of the City of Haverhill, Massachusetts, do hereby declare October 8, 2012,

Columbus Day

In the City of Haverhill and urge all citizens to join me in observing the contributions of Italians and Italian Americans to the City of Haverhill.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Haverhill to be affixed this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.


MAYOR JAMES J. FIORENTINI