## Italian American Heritage Month October 2025

WHEREAS, October is National Italian American Heritage and Culture Month; and

**WHEREAS,** from the early explorers to the 5.5 million working-class immigrants who arrived in the United States around the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Italian Americans have helped shape and develop our nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the month of October serves as a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Italian Americans, honoring their traditions, values, and enduring spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, along with their focus on family, faith, strong work ethic, and love of country, Italian Americans are particularly proud of their outstanding representation in industry, government, medicine, and academia in our great state; and

**WHEREAS,** Italian Americans have made significant economic and cultural contributions to our state and nation in government, science and technology, arts and entertainment, literature, products and design, and food; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Romeoville joins in celebrating the Italian American community and recognizes their contributions to the growth and prosperity of our Village;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Noak, Mayor of Romeoville, do hereby proclaim October, 2025, as "**ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH**" in Romeoville, and commend its observance to all citizens.