



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH"

WHEREAS

Vancouver is a city of many ethnicities, cross-cultural understanding, inclusiveness and respect for one's neighbours; and where Vancouver's Italian community passionately celebrates its culture, values and heritage and shares these with other communities in order to weave a vibrant Italian thread through Vancouver's multicultural tapestry;

AND WHEREAS

June is Italian Heritage Month and is an opportunity to honour the history, culture, and contributions of Italian-Canadians to the city of Vancouver, supported by a month long series of culturally rich events in the realms of food, music, film, language and other initiatives presented by Il Centro Italian Cultural Centre;

AND WHEREAS

Italian Day on the Drive, presented by the Italian Day Festival Society, is the largest event during Italian Heritage Month, delivered as an embracing and vibrant street festival celebrating heritage, culture and community, normally held on the 2nd Sunday of June in Vancouver's Little Italy on Commercial Drive;

AND WHEREAS

COVID-19 has prevented the realization of public events celebrating Italian Heritage Month; however, the spirit will prevail as community and culture come together with virtual presentations throughout the month at Il Centro Italian Cultural Centre; as well as the Italian Day Festival Society's launch of the LOVE - AMA theme and series of 'feel good' summer experiences in collaboration with the Commercial Drive Business Society and other partners;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of June 2021, as

"ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH"

in the City of Vancouver.

Kennedy Stewart
MAYOR

