

Office of the President
Borough of Queens
City of New York

Proclamation

Greeting:

Whereas: since 1976, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York (IHCCNY) has fulfilled the worthy mission of preserving, promoting, and presenting Italian and Italian-American heritage throughout the year, and especially in October during Italian Heritage Month; and

Whereas: the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has made in-person events impossible, yet the IHCCNY has resolved to inspire and delight everyone with virtual programming about an Italian screenwriter who was considered one of the most influential film makers of all time; and

Whereas: **FELIXIA**: 100 celebrates the centenary of the birth of Federico Fellini through a series of online discussions about the man and his iconic films, which won Best Foreign Film four times at the Academy Awards, as well as prestigious honors at the Cannes and Venice Film Festivals. From September 30th through November 4th, scholars will screen film clips and explore the many facets of Fellini's fascinating life and creativity; and

Whereas: I salute Joseph Sciamè, President and Chair of the IHCCNY, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, the Consulate General of Italy in New York, and our Italian American community of Queens for continuing the annual tradition of 44 years at St. John's University through this exciting month-long series.

Now, therefore, I, Sharon Lee, President of the Borough of Queens in the City of New York,
do hereby proclaim the month of October as

Italian Heritage & Culture Month

in Queens, in recognition of the tremendous contributions made by Italians and Italian Americans to the social, cultural, economic, and civic life of our borough and beyond.

Done at Queens Borough Hall, New Gardens, in the City of New York, on this first day of October
in the year two thousand and twenty.



Sharon Lee
President of the Borough of Queens