

Ruben Diaz Jr.

President of the Borough of

The Bronx

Presents this

Proclamation

Whereas:

The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. is celebrating their annual Italian Heritage & Culture Month in October, and;

Whereas: *The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. will commemorate the 700th anniversary of Dante Alighieri's passing, spotlighting his poetic and philosophical legacy; highlighting poems such as Vita Nuova, Inferno, Divina Commedia, as well as many more, and;*

Whereas: *The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. will honor Dante Alighieri, whose poems reflects the rich Italian culture, language and arts. Dante Alighieri's importance includes him being the first to use Florentine vernacular in a major literary work, rather than Latin, and;*

Whereas: *Many Italian-Americans, who are the descendants of some of this country's earliest immigrants have risen to positions of great prominence in all areas of American life, from politics to construction, from the arts to athletics to academia, from great Italian food to their music, they have introduced the beauty of their culture to all citizens and have been integral to the strength of this great nation, city and borough, and;*

Now therefore, I, Ruben Diaz Jr. President of the Borough of The Bronx, pay tribute to our Italian American community who has contributed culturally, politically and through their scientific contributions to our great borough, city and country, I do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

“Italian Heritage and Culture Month”



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