



**OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER  
STATE OF NEW YORK**

***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York is hosting the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month, which this year is devoted to honoring the legacy of the great poet Dante Alighieri on the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing; and

***WHEREAS***, since 1976, the IHCC-NY has sponsored a wide range of public programs, exhibits, seminars and events each year to advance the study and understanding of the historic contributions of Italians and Italian Americans to our civilization, and to promote a wider and deeper appreciation of our Italian heritage; and

***WHEREAS***, in paying tribute to the Florentine poet's artistic and philosophical accomplishments, and particularly to his renowned epic masterpiece, *The Divine Comedy*, the IHCC's "Dante 700!" festivities emphasize the writer's role as the "Father of the Italian Language," whose daring decision to compose in the vernacular helped unify Italians of diverse regions through language; now let it be

***PROCLAIMED***, that State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli does hereby congratulate and applaud the IHCC-NY's officers, board and members for their outstanding service; and be it further

***PROCLAIMED***, that throughout this month of October, two thousand twenty-one, Comptroller DiNapoli does join with the people of New York in recognizing Italian Heritage and Culture Month, and wishing the Committee continued success in its important work.



**Thomas P. DiNapoli  
State Comptroller**