

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Spokane's Italian American community has contributed greatly to the cultural fabric and demographic landscape of our diverse city since its earliest days, when Italians began immigrating to Spokane in 1898 to pursue opportunities in agriculture, fishing, railroad construction, mining, and timber; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans make up the fifth largest ethnic group in the country with more than 26 million Italian descendants, and the United States has been fortified by the talents and culture of its residents of Italian descent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is home to a proud and vibrant Italian American community that has undoubtedly impacted culture and industry by influencing the arts and education, business and government, social services, including many of our early hospitals, and scientific and technological advancements in the past, present and future with our organizations like the American-Italian Club Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, and our new Sister City Society of Cagli, Italy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2023 as

FESTA ITALIANA DAY

in Spokane and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the many contributions of Italian Americans during Italian American Heritage Month in Spokane.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
24th day of April 2023.

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

