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**Subject:** RE: Declare June Italian Heritage Month

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**From:** Maria Motschman  
**Sent:** March-13-14 10:02 PM  
**To:** Office of the Mayor  
**Subject:** Declare June Italian Heritage Month

Dear Mayor Bratina,

As the new Chairperson of Festitalia, and on behalf of our volunteer Board of Directors, I am inquiring of the potential for the City of Hamilton to officially declare the month of June as Italian Heritage Month.

In 2010, the provincial government declared forever, the month of June as Italian Heritage Month. In addition to our wonderful festival held in September of each month, through the wonderful support of the City of Hamilton, Festitalia will be celebrating and kicking off Italian Heritage month with our annual Festitalia Italian Heritage Awards to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre. What we hope what will follow is the sharing of Italian culture through a variety of other community events that could be sparked by the official declaration of Italian Heritage Month.

We hope you would consider a proclamation of some kind to acknowledge Italian Heritage Month in June. We remain grateful for your own personal support, the support of your council colleagues, and the support of the City of Hamilton of Festitalia and the Italian-Canadian community. I may be reached at  
more information.

Sincerely,

Maria Motschman  
Festitalia Chairperson