

## *Resolution*

### *National Day of Recognition*

**WHEREAS** the Order Sons of Italy in America was founded in New York City on June 22, 1905, by Doctor Vincenzo Sellaro and four colleagues as a vehicle to help facilitate the assimilation of newly arrived immigrants from Italy into American society; and to assist their passage through the rigorous challenges of securing suitable employment, housing, subsistence and care for themselves and their families; and, further, help with learning the English language, locating previously arrived relatives and assuring proper burials; and

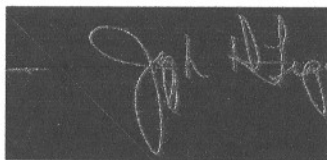
**WHEREAS** the Order Sons of Italy in America, in successive years, having established a formidable presence in a Supreme Lodge, sought to accomplish the foregoing, aggressively pursued its stated Mission of uniting all Italians under a single banner, and expanded its influence and reach through the creation of numerous Grand and Filial lodges throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the Order Sons of Italy in America, since 1905, has grown into its present role as the leading, oldest and largest organization representing Americans of Italian heritage outside of Italy; and

**WHEREAS** the Order Sons of Italy in America subsequently created a philanthropic appendage, the Sons of Italy Foundation, which has raised and contributed more than \$110 million to medical research, international emergency relief and cultural preservation, and \$50 million to scholarships, and also created a Commission for Social Justice to lead in the campaign against ethnic stereotyping and defamation and the securing of social justice for all people; and

**WHEREAS** the Order Sons of Italy in America has been recognized for its good works, philanthropy, citizenship and patriotism by every U.S. President since Woodrow Wilson; we do approve of the proposal submitted and advocated by OSIA National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Daniel Longo of Maryland, and let it hereby

**BE RESOLVED** that June 19, 2010, will be officially acknowledged and celebrated as a NATIONAL Day of RECOGNITION of the Order Sons of Italy in America and all it has accomplished by all lodges, officers and members of the Order, through the conducting of public open houses, gatherings, banquets, and other social functions; and we further RESOLVE that this Resolution be distributed to all Grand and Filial Lodges in the U.S. and be read at said social functions that day in recognition thereof.



*Joseph DiTrapani*  
National President



*Rita L. Maletta Robak*  
National Recording Secretary



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