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Si trasmette in allegato il messaggio del sottoscritto in occasione di "Columbus Day", con preghiera di volerlo rendere pubblico con i mezzi che saranno ritenuti più opportuni.

Carlo Romeo



Detroit, October 1, 2008

Dear Fellow Countrymen:

As we pause to remember the great achievements of the famed Italian explorer, Cristoforo Colombo, it is important to remember the courage and fortitude similarly displayed by the countless Italians who, during the past century, embarked on their own voyage of discovery. These individuals risked all that they possessed and even their own well being in an effort to find a new life. There was no obstacle that could deter them from their search for a better life for themselves and for their families.

Although their journey was arduous, the Italian immigrants labored diligently to create a place for themselves in this Country. These brave pioneers loyally embraced their new Country but never forgot their beloved homeland. While attaining great prominence over the decades, they have proudly instilled in their descendants the importance of preserving the rich culture they so lovingly nurtured from their native Italy. Over the years many leaders of the Italian and Italian-American community have attained prestigious goals in many sectors, from politics to economy, to culture and science. It is a testament to their fortitude that our communities continue to celebrate their precious heritage today. With the common endeavor of the entire community even greater progress may be attained in continuing the valiant efforts of our forefathers so that future generations will continue to promote our treasured Italian language and culture.

At the same time, while preserving the traditions and the history, it is important to consider the numerous aspects (economic, political, social and cultural) of a modern Country such as Italy, ranking among the major world economies and in the forefront in many sectors, in order to further strengthen the bond with the United States. The role of the future Italian-American generations will be vital in this regard.

It gives me great pleasure to witness the success of the Italian and Italian-American community in this consular jurisdiction and it is my sincere hope that it may continue to flourish while maintaining ardent pride in its Italian heritage.

Carlo Romeo
Consul of Italy