

Office of the Mayor



City of Saint Louis

Proclamation



WHEREAS

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS HAS WELCOMED MANY IMMIGRANTS FROM THE NATION OF ITALY, MANY OF THESE COMING FROM THE REGION OF LOMBARDY AND PARTICULARLY FROM THE AREA AROUND THE CITY OF CUGGIONO, BRINGING WITH THEM TO OUR CITY, THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE, TRADITIONS, AND VALUES OF THEIR NATIVE LAND, AND

WHEREAS, THESE IMMIGRANTS, AND THE GENERATIONS OF THEIR DESCENDANTS, HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, PARTICULARLY TO ITS WORLD FAMOUS HILL NEIGHBORHOOD IN EVERY FIELD OF ENDEAVOR INCLUDING: ART, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION, RELIGION, LAW, MEDICINE, BUSINESS, AND POLITICS; AND

WHEREAS, AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CUGGIONO, ITALY, ON JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 20, 2003, ON THE SUBJECT OF THE HISTORY OF ITALIAN EMIGRATION FROM THE REGION OF LOMBARDY TO THE NEW WORLD, WITH DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS FROM BOTH ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES, AND SPONSORED BY THE ECOISTITUTO della VALLE del TICINO (CUGGIONO) AND THE FONDAZIONE CANDIANI AND WITH SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE IMMIGRATION HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND THE ITALIAN CLUB OF ST. LOUIS; AND

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WHEREAS, THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS RESPECTFULLY RECOGNIZES, ACKNOWLEDGES, AND THANKS THE REGION OF LOMBARDY, AND THE TOWNS AND CITIES IN THE AREA OF THE CITY OF CUGGIONO, FOR THE CONTRIBUTION MADE TO OUR CITY BY ITS EMIGRANTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS, WE EXPRESS THESE SENTIMENTS WITH SINCERE WARMTH, FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WISHES.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCIS G. SLAY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 19, 2003, AS:

"CUGGIONO DAY"
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 2003.

Francis G. Slay
Mayor of the City of Saint Louis

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