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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 2/12/2015 Senate Committed to Committee on **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 2](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-12-15.docx))

 2/18/2015 Senate Polled out of committee **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-18-15.docx))

 2/18/2015 Senate Committee report: Favorable **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-18-15.docx))

 2/19/2015 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-19-15.docx))

 2/19/2015 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-19-15.docx))

 2/19/2015 Scrivener's error corrected

 2/24/2015 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-24-15.docx))

 2/25/2015 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-25-15.docx))

 2/25/2015 House Referred to Committee on **Invitations and Memorial Resolutions** ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-25-15.docx))

 3/4/2015 House Committee report: Favorable **Invitations and Memorial Resolutions** ([House Journal‑page 30](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C03-04-15.docx))

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 3/5/2015 House Roll call Yeas‑75 Nays‑13 ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C03-05-15.docx))

 3/5/2015 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C03-05-15.docx))

 3/6/2015 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 3](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C03-06-15.docx))

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 3/27/2015 Signed By Governor

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(A6, R8, S411)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑3‑200 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS “ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.**

Whereas, since our nation’s inception and throughout our history, more than five million brave men, women, and children from Italy made the journey to America looking for freedom and opportunity; and

Whereas, today there are more than twenty‑six million Americans of Italian descent living in the United States, which makes them the fifth largest ethnic group in the country; and

Whereas, as South Carolinians, we find it important to recognize the determinations and achievements of Italians in our State during the month of October; and

Whereas, Italian Americans have helped shape and develop our nation and play a vital role in the political, social, and economic system of our State. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Italian American Heritage Month designated**

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 53 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 53‑3‑200. The month of October of every year is designated ‘Italian American Heritage Month’ in South Carolina in order to recognize Italian Americans for their many contributions to our State and nation.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 25th day of March, 2015.

Approved the 27th day of March, 2015.

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