

Petition to save Columbus Day:

As you may or may not know, the celebration of Columbus Day is under attack. Many local municipalities and school districts have either renamed the holiday after other ethnic or cultural groups or eliminated its recognition. In an effort to stem this tide and maintain the proper recognition Columbus Day deserves, this petition has been developed.

Our intention is to obtain as many signatures as possible. This effort is not limited to solely to the Italian American community. Please reach out to collect signatures from the general public, either through various civic groups/social clubs, as well as in malls and at various shopping centers. If we want to seriously attack the problem of losing recognition of Columbus Day, we must be proactive.

- 1. You can make as many copies of this petition as is necessary.
- 2. Designate one person or organization to collect the completed petition(s) and forward to the address below.
- 3. Make sure the petition(s) are filled out properly.
- **4.** In the case of a petition to the national government, you must obtain 100,000 signatures before we can send anything to the White House. Please check with your local municipalities or counties for rules regarding the amount of signatures required for a petition.
- 5. Petitions are to be signed by adults only (18 years of age or over).
- **6.** Petition sheets should be mailed to your local municipalities or county governments. In addition, we ask that a copy be sent to the following address or emailed in PDF format to **info@knowcolumbus.org.**



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Columbus Day observances recognize the contributions of the more than 25 million Americans of Italian descent. With our holiday consistently under attack, we are asking you to please preserve Columbus Day in our community as a way to celebrate the entire Italian American Community, and the importance of the immigrant experience in building our great nation. Columbus Day represents not only the accomplishments and contributions of Italian Americans, but also the indelible spirit of risk, sacrifice and self-reliance of a great Italian icon that defines the United States of America.

Signature	Print Name	Complete Address
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