Discovering Columbus Day

Columbus Day Is A Symbol Of America

Columbus Day Matters to Italian Americans and to all Americans. It is the one holiday America celebrates its immigrant and patriotic roots. It is also a day rooted in Italian American history.

Our Nation's Capital, The District of Columbia is named after Columbus as are 6,000 places in the United States.

Columbus Day stands as a reminder to all immigrants that their unique history and culture will be recognized and to affirm the United States as a nation of immigrants, no matter when and how they arrived. Whether earlier migrants from Asia, later migrants from Europe 700 years ago or from Africa.

Columbus Day is still the only National Holiday at the federal level recognized in the month of October each year - for now. In fact, October is also recognized at the national level as Italian American Heritage Month. Indigenous Peoples Day is not until Congress says so.

But the gains of our ancestors are being taken away. They came to pursue the American Dream and better their lives for themselves and their children. In their memory we are obligated to protect their legacy and memory of what they passed on to us through their struggles and successes.

Next time you place your hand over your heart for the Pledge of Allegiance, remember that the Pledge comes from Columbus Day.

PHOTO ABOVE: *Italian flag on Sacramento home on Columbus Day 2022.*

Don't forget to show your Italian pride on Columbus Day!