



OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

~ *Office of the Mayor* ~

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Michael Colucciello came to Schenectady from Fontanarosa, Italy in September 1923, seeking to create a brighter future for himself and his family; and

WHEREAS, Maria DeSimone Colucciello arrived in Schenectady in November 1929, with their children Nicolina, Bianca and Luigi, to join Michael; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Maria gave birth to five more children, Michael Jr., Gloria, Eleanor, Raymond and Marie. The family has now grown to include sixteen grandchildren, twenty seven great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Maria exemplified the immigrant ethic that has made America strong; working hard throughout the Great Depression to provide for their family, cultivating the land, learning the language and culture, and sacrificing so their children could get good educations and have more opportunities than they did; and

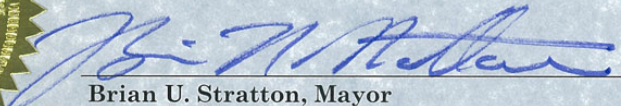
WHEREAS, The Colucciello family has remained committed to Schenectady through many affiliations and community service involvements, including membership in numerous civic institutions and church groups, Raymond's tenure as Superintendent of Schenectady City Schools and more than 250 years of combined family service at General Electric; and

WHEREAS, The Colucciello family has also contributed admirably to the armed forces, with various members serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN U. STRATTON, Mayor of the City of Schenectady, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 8, 2009 as **Colucciello Family Day in the City of Schenectady**, in honor of Michael and Maria's hard work and good citizenship, and in recognition of the Colucciello Family's historic and ongoing commitment and contributions to this city.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I Have Hereunto Set My Hand
and Cause the Seal of the City of Schenectady to be
Affixed this 6 August 2009.**




Brian U. Stratton, Mayor