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## *Jersey City to Celebrate Italian Heritage with Columbus Day Parade as part of the City's 'Tapestry of Nations' Ethnic Festival Series*

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, the Division of Cultural Affairs and the Hudson County Columbus Day Committee will hold their annual parade this **Sunday, October 7, 2012.**

“The heritage and contributions of Italian people are rich and prolific,” said **Mayor Healy**. “In addition to honoring Italians in Hudson County, particularly in Jersey City, Columbus Day offers an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the diversity of our communities.”

The parade will take place at **1:00 pm** on **Newark Avenue at Merseles Street** and will conclude at **Grove Street** in front of **City Hall**. This parade will celebrate the **520th Anniversary** of the discovery of the Americas by Italian explorer Christopher Columbus and the **Dante Alighieri Society's 103<sup>rd</sup>** year of commitment to celebrate the Great Navigator's spirit of adventure.

Each year the **Dante Alighieri Society** honors individuals of the Columbus Day Parade for their commitment to society. This year's honorees are, **Mr. Thomas Cammarate, Esq.** as “Grand Marshal,” and **Assemblyman Sean Connors** as “Deputy Grand Marshal,” **Nicholas J. Grillo** as Columbus Day Parade “Chairman,” **Mrs. Diann Greco** as Italian “Woman of the Year,” **Mr. Ellis DeCrese** as Italian “Man of the Year,” **Mr. Andrew LaBruno** as Italian “Police Officer of the Year,” **Mr. Frank Manzo** as Italian “Fire Fighter of the Year,” **Dr. Joseph Galano** as Italian “Educator of the Year,” **Mr. John Tarantula** as Italian “Businessman of the Year,” **Mrs. Maureen Healy** as Honorary “Italian Woman of the Year,” **Mr. Gerard De Jackmo** as Italian “EMT of the Year,” **Ms. Anna Rizzo** as “Miss Columbus.”

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