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Dear Fellow Italians,

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you my warmest greetings on the day I formally assume my duties as Consul of Italy in Detroit, with jurisdiction over the States of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. It is a great honor for me to represent, under the guidance of our Embassy in Washington, our beautiful country in such an important and dynamic context as that of the United States—a country with very strong ties to Italy and a deep admiration for the *Bel Paese* and its extraordinarily rich historical, artistic, cultural, and linguistic heritage.

While fully aware that Italy is not only the custodian of great traditions, but also a country with a strong entrepreneurial vocation, I intend to build upon the outstanding work carried out by my predecessors in order to promote our excellence to the fullest extent, as well as the creativity and innovation that distinguish us worldwide. My goal is for this Consulate to serve as an important point of reference for the many Italian companies and talents who look with growing interest to this rapidly developing city and to this area of the United States, whose great potential is too often underestimated.

Together with the excellent staff of this Consulate, I am committed to making my very best contribution so that we may continue to be an essential point of reference for a constantly growing community. This includes further strengthening the significant improvements of our consular services achieved in recent years and addressing, together, matters of particular current relevance, such as the recent reform of the Italian citizenship law.

I also wish to promote, at all levels and in collaboration with COMITES and with outstanding partners such as the local Dante Alighieri Society and the N.O.I. Foundation, our language, our culture, and the rich history of the Italian-American community. Already in 2026, several cultural events dedicated to these themes will take place.

Confident in your support, I pledge my full and shared commitment to ensuring the highest quality of services and the greatest attentiveness to the needs of each and every one of you. I take this opportunity to extend my warmest wishes for a happy and prosperous 2026 to you all and to your families.

Consul of Italy in Detroit

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