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Dear Family,

It is with a great pride and honor for me, as Mayor of the City of Celano, of writing to you these few but significant words in order to convey to you the affection that the community of Celano feels for the fellow citizens living abroad.

Witnessing this unshakable affection, we celebrated the “Day of the Emigrants” on the 25 August 2019 for the fifth consecutive year. This is a remarkable event that calls us to always remember the roots that inextricably bind our community to both Celano and those who live abroad.

A bond which lasts over time and becomes stronger every year. In view of the above, we have the firm hope that all those who graced us with their return to our City, will always find it more welcoming, more beautiful and more enjoyable so, they can be proud of their homeland.

People from Celano not only have always demonstrated respect and conveyed spirit of sacrifice and willpower to the land that has hosted them, but also they have disseminated culture and values such as humility and diligence.

Besides, they have contributed to the economic, social and cultural development in the host countries. They have built businesses, commercial and craft activities which kept the name of Celano.

As a result of which, the City Administration of Celano decided to recognise the sacrifices and achievements of the fellow citizens who live abroad by realizing a bronze monument and an inscription which are both dedicated to our emigrants. The first one is located across from the Castle and the second one in the square behind. Moreover, a special day has been dedicated to them which has been known legally as “The Day of the Emigrant” and this has been formalized by means of a City Council Act.

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Furthermore, this tangible sign and this path of memory will be a means to pay homage to them and to their families and also shows that our community shall never forget its distant fellow citizens. We understand the reasons that pushed them to leave their land. They are and will always be in the pleasant and inescapable memory of the Celano's community.

In addition to the above, to honour the migrants, this year during the ceremony, for the anniversary of the foundation Celano Canadian Club, an additional sign of gratitude namely "Mayor band for a day", was given to the many fellow citizens who emigrated for a better life by Celano Canadian Club. The mayor band was given to Eligio Paris who is currently the Ambassador of Abruzzo in the world and an emigrant of Canada.

I would like to conclude my letter with an invitation to the younger generations whose background are rooted in Celano. A reminder not to lose their values and the principles of honesty and diligence that have always distinguished their parents and grandparents from others.

We shall be privileged to host the younger generation in August 2020, a means for us to be able to showcase the culture and homeland of their parents and ancestors and laying a foundation for cultural exchange for their respective younger generations and also to celebrate "the Day of the Emigrant" together.

Sincerely,



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