

Italian Flag

The Italian flag is a rectangular drape, vertically divided into three equal sections: green, white and red. The three colors of the flag represent, symbolically, the three cardinal virtues:

Green = Hope
White = Faith
Red = Charity



The Tricolor was first adopted in 1796 by the Lombard patriots and became the symbol of Freedom and Unity. It was sanctioned as National Flag by the Italian Republic in 1802, by the Italic Kingdom in 1804 and by the first King of the Savoia dynasty, Carlo Alberto, in March 1848.

Since the first time it was adopted, the Tricolor has remained the symbol of Independence from foreign rulers for all Italians, who fought several battles during the period known as the "Risorgimento," until they succeeded in securing freedom and unity.

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