

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Pittman, Freeman and Boylan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-704-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING OCTOBER 2025 AS ITALIAN
7 AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH; PROVIDING
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, National Italian American Heritage and Culture Month
11 was first recognized by the United States Congress in October 1989
12 to highlight the cultural impact of the Italian American community;
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14 **WHEREAS**, Italian Americans helped steer the course of our
15 country's history, and they continue to contribute greatly to the
16 arts and education, business and government, and scientific and
17 technological advancements; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Italian Americans have been integral to the defense of
19 our nation during both World Wars, with an estimated 1.5 million
20 serving in World War II, including John Basilone, the only enlisted
21 Marine in World War II to have received both the Navy Cross and the
22 Medal of Honor for his service; and

23 **WHEREAS**, during Italian American Heritage and Culture Month in
24 Jacksonville, we recognize the thousands of our neighbors who are
25 Americans of Italian descent and celebrate their contributions to the
26 fabric of our city; and

27 **WHEREAS**, October is an opportunity to enjoy Italian cuisine,
28 learn more about Italian art and history, and appreciate Italian
29 American achievements and culture; now therefore

30 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

31 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates October 2025

1 as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month. The City Council
2 extends gratitude to organizations like the Order Sons and Daughters
3 of Italy in America - Amici D'Italia Lodge 2791, and others, that
4 preserve Italian traditions and provide support to Italian Americans
5 living in Jacksonville.

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.
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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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