

Introduced by Council Member Miller:

RESOLUTION 2025-704

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING OCTOBER 2025 AS ITALIAN
AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH; PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, National Italian American Heritage and Culture Month
was first recognized by the United States Congress in October 1989
to highlight the cultural impact of the Italian American community;
and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans helped steer the course of our
country's history, and they continue to contribute greatly to the
arts and education, business and government, and scientific and
technological advancements; and

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

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

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

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby celebrates October 2025
as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month. The City Council

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

5 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

12 Office of General Counsel

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