

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller, Carlucci and Amaro and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Peluso and Clark-Murray:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-754-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING OCTOBER 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;
13 and

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

22 **WHEREAS**, this year's theme for Italian Heritage and Culture
23 Month is "Giovanni da Verrazzano 1524-2024", in honor of the Italian
24 explorer who charted the Atlantic coast of North America between the
25 Carolinas and Newfoundland, including New York Harbor in 1524; and

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

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

30 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates
31 October as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month. Jacksonville

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

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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