

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller, Carlucci and Amaro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-754**

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

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

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

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

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

29 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates
30 October as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month. Jacksonville
31 City Council extends gratitude to organizations like the Order Sons

1 and Daughters of Italy in America - Amici D'Italia Lodge 2791, and
2 others, that preserve Italian traditions and provide support to
3 Italian Americans living in Jacksonville.

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

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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