



Resolution

Board of Supervisors

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2024 AS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, in the centuries since Italian explorers from Italy first set sail across the Atlantic Ocean millions of Americans of Italian descent have set forth from their native Italy to come to America. America was named after the Italian explorer, Amerigo Vespucci. Americans were the largest immigrant group to come to the United States through Ellis Island and one of the largest immigrant groups to settle in California; and

WHEREAS, generations of Italian Americans have helped shape California's cultural and economic landscape and have played a prominent role in creating many of the state's basic industries including the wine, railroad, mining, farming, lumber, fishing, agriculture, food processing, and banking industries. Italian Americans arrived with the gold rush, were among the earliest pioneers of Sacramento, and contributed greatly to the development of the county and the region. The enterprise and success of these Italian pioneers is a unique legacy and one shared by all of us; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans settled in many parts of Sacramento. The largest concentration settled in East Sacramento where they established the historic "Little Italy" neighborhood. To this day, many Italian Americans live and operate businesses in the area. The Italian Community of Sacramento continues to be active and vibrant with Italian Organizations and a Cultural Center serving the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the Italian Americans to the development of Northern California are often unrecognized and left out of the history of the region. The story of the Italian American experience needs to be told, celebrated, and included in the educational experience of the region's school children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, State of California, recognizes **OCTOBER 2024 AS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH**; and be it further resolved that Sacramento County encourages the celebration of **ITALIAN AMERICAN MONTH** and the study of the Italian American experience.

Passed and adopted on October 8, 2024.



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