

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 423*

Approved October 22, 2025

WHEREAS, U.S. Presidential Proclamation 6045 of October 1989 established October as Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month to be celebrated every year to honor and recognize the centuries of achievements, successes and valuable contributions of Italian immigrants and Italian Americans; and

WHEREAS, Between 1820 and 2000, over 5 million Italians immigrated to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Providence is currently home to thousands of proud Italian-Americans, with 15 percent of the population claiming Italian ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month provides an opportunity to honor the values of family, hard work, and community that have long defined Italian-American life, values that continue to strengthen Providence and enrich the lives of all who call it home; and

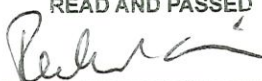

WHEREAS, Providence is home to many distinguished Italian Americans who have shaped our city's history and culture, including 2017 U.S. national silver medalist Marissa Castelli, 1997 Verrazano Award recipient Evelyn V. (Verdi) Fagnoli, six-time novelist Peter Pezzelli, World War II casualty US Army First Lieutenant Albert Russo, John O. Pastore, Rhode Island's first Italian American Governor and U.S. Senator, and so many more; and

WHEREAS, Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month is held to salute the Italian-American community and to exhibit appreciation for their heritage and culture that have immeasurably enriched the lives of the people of this city, the State of Rhode Island, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The enduring success and spirit of Providence are deeply connected to the pride, creativity, and resilience of its Italian-American residents, whose heritage remains an integral part of our city's identity and future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council proudly celebrates the month of October as Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month, recognizing the enduring legacy, culture, and contributions of Italian Americans to the City of Providence, the State of Rhode Island, and the United States of America.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCT 16 2025  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 10/22/25