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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS
ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, There are more than 26 million Americans of Italian descent, making this community one of the largest ethnic groups in our country; *and*

WHEREAS, National Italian-American Heritage month, was first recognized by the United States Congress in October 1989 as a tribute to all Italian-Americans contributions to our nation and highlight the cultural impacts of this community; *and*

WHEREAS, October as Italian-American Heritage month, was passed by the Massachusetts General Court and signed into law by Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci in 1998; *and*

WHEREAS, Thousands of Italian Immigrants from the Liguria, Campana, Abruzzo, Sicily and Lazio regions have made their home in Boston Neighborhoods beginning in the 1860's, especially in the North End, East Boston, Brighton, Hyde Park and South Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Many people of Italian descent have served the City of Boston selflessly in public office, including Thomas M. Menino, the longest serving Mayor in the History of Boston and the grandson of Italian Immigrants; *and*

WHEREAS, Italian immigrants, and the ongoing generations of their descendants, have cultivated unique and beautiful neighborhoods whose atmosphere reflects the dedication to Italian culture, food, art, and religion; *and*

WHEREAS, This month is an opportunity to celebrate the rich culture, food, art, and generational traditions of Italian-Americans. In order to facilitate this important celebration, it is hereby necessary to expedite the filing and consideration of this order; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That on October 2, 2025, in recognition of October as Italian-American Heritage month, the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the Italian flag on the third flagpole on City Hall Plaza in place of the City of Boston flag in honor of the history, culture, and heritage of Italians and Italian-Americans.

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