## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago is a world-renowned melting point of cultural and ethnic diversity going back nearly two centuries since its incorporation in March, 1837; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Raymond Lopez, Alderman of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward and proud grandson of Italy, has recognized Italian American Heritage Month this October, 2023 before this august body; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Italian community has been an integral and vital part of the fabric in the near north and near west sides of the City of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, The Italian community eventually expanded beyond their originally enclaves throughout the city and into the surrounding suburbs, nearly half million people strong, bringing with them their cultural richness, cuisine, faith and family devotion, and exceptional entrepreneurial spirit; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2023, join together in celebration of the cultural richness of the Italian American community within the City of Chicago; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That the City of Chicago celebrates this month of October as Italian Heritage Month with the greater Italian community of Chicagoland.

Raymond A. Lopez Alderman, 15<sup>th</sup> Ward