

**RESOLUTION NO. 14**  
**Italian Republic Day 2017**

**WHEREAS**, every country has their national patriotic day; France has Bastille Day, July fourteenth and we all know that here in the United States we have the Fourth of July; Italy has the Italian Republic Day, June second; on this date, in 1946, the Italian Republic was born; and

**WHEREAS**, geographic Italy has been recognized for over two millennia, but the political state of Italy has only been around for about 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, before 1859, Italy consisted of independent states that each had its own traditions and history; and

**WHEREAS**, then starting in 1859, these states were unified under the Kingdom of Sardinia – Piedmont, which was ruled by the House of Savoy; and

**WHEREAS**, the House of Savoy was one of the oldest dynasties in Europe; it brought all the small Italian states under its control and established the Kingdom of Italy; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1922, King Vittorio Emmanuel the Third, invited Benito Mussolini to form a government; and

**WHEREAS**, the King took no actions against the many abuses of power by the Fascist regime; and

**WHEREAS**, after World War II, the Italian people held a plebiscite to form a republic and expel the King, and on June 2, 1946, the Italian Republic was born; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Italy has been a pillar of democracy since its inception and one of America's loyalist allies; and

**WHEREAS**, On the occasion of the 76th Anniversary of the establishment of the Italian Republic, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen is pleased to proclaim;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** June 3, 2017, is Italian Republic Day in the City of St. Louis.

Introduced on the 19th day of May, 2017, by:

**The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward**  
**The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward**

Adopted the 19th day of May, 2017, as attested by:

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Donna Evans-Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen