

**25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SICILIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS**

WHEREAS, the Sicilian Cultural Association of St. Louis is celebrating their 25th Anniversary on December 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1993 twelve members of the St. Louis Chapter of UNICO formed the first Sicilian club. These twelve men are the Charter Members; Baldo Gandolfo, Michael Lombardo, Vincenzo Misuraca, Angelo Sita, Gabriele Lancia, Alphonse Lordo, Vincenzo Monteleone, George Stark, Antonino Lombardo, Anthony Lucido, Michael Santangelo and Rio Vitale, The first meeting was held at Baldo's Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the Sicilian Cultural Association of St. Louis has as its primary purpose the preservation and promotion of our Sicilian and Italian culture and heritage, knowledge and to defend same when necessary. To encourage the knowledge and interest in Sicilian, Italian and Italian American art, culture, history, language, science, technology, economics and all such matters and affairs, both contemporary and historical. To recognize and honor those individuals who have distinguished themselves through their service to the Italian American Community; and

WHEREAS, the most major accomplishment of the Sicilian Cultural Association has been the success in bringing many people with origins in Sicily together in an organization where they can share their Sicilian Heritage and experience with others. There are many in St. Louis whose ancestors immigrated from Cinisi in Sicily. The patron saint of Cinisi is Santa Fara. There has been a statue of Santa Fara in St. Louis for almost 100 years; and

WHEREAS, as the Sicilian Cultural Association of St. Louis celebrates its 25th Anniversary, they are proud that it lists over 200 members and is one of the largest Italian American organizations in St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud the Sicilian Cultural Association of St. Louis for their 25 years of distinguished service to the Italian American Community and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of December, 2018 by:

The Honorable Joe Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this 7th day of December, 2018 as attested by:

Louis Galli
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen