

RESOLUTION NO. 45
Italian Republic Day

WHEREAS, Italy will celebrate its 75th National Republic Day on June 2, 2016; 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; starting in 1859, these states were unified under the Kingdom of Sardinia – Piedmont, which was ruled by the House of Savoy; 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 1922, King Vittorio Emmanuel the Third invited Benito Mussolini to form a government; 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 most loyal allies; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Italian Republic, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen is pleased to recognize its historic founding.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Italian Republic. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 3rd day of June, 2016, by:

The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen