



CITY OF ROCHESTER

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, every year on the second day of June, Italians around the world celebrate Republic Day, or Festa Della Repubblica in Italian. The day celebrates and commemorates the 1946 election that ended the Italian Monarchy and launched the county into a constitutional republic, and

*Whereas*, the Rochester region is home to the second highest concentration of Italian-Americans and Italian-American Families in the State of New York and the 9<sup>th</sup> largest population in the country, with such a significant population there have been continued efforts to share Italian heritage, culture, and pride with the larger community, including important religious events, cultural festivals, sports and entertainment, and important national events like Republic Day, and

*Whereas*, the United States is a land comprised mostly of immigrants and immigrant families who sought a better life, and Rochester is home to an ever growing immigrant population. Over 150 years ago, Italian immigrants began to arrive in the City of Rochester; guided by faith and family, they set up shops, housing, and cultural institutions in the Lyell Avenue and Jay Street Corridors, the same streets that have seen so many new immigrants arrive today, and

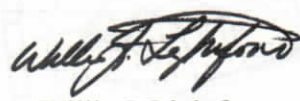
*Whereas*, there has been a tremendous effort to memorialize the historic region settled by Italian Americans with a goal of revitalizing the area, these efforts have been through The Little Italy Association of Rochester, Inc. and the committee to establish a Little Italy Historic District, and

*Whereas*, our City recognizes and honors the contributions that have been made to our community by Italian-Americans who have been entrepreneurs, restauranteurs, doctors, attorneys, judges, and leaders in government and industry, and we join them in celebrating the decision of the people of Italy to be a free republic.

*Now, Therefore*, we, Council President Loretta C. Scott, Vice President Willie J. Lightfoot, and Council Members Elaine M. Spaul, Jacklyn Ortiz, Michael A. Patterson, Molly Clifford, Malik D. Evans, Mitch Gruber, and LaShay D. Harris do hereby commemorate and recognize over 150 years of Italian-American history in the City of Rochester (1860 - 2019); and hereby designate the area located along the Lyell Avenue corridor, within in the Edgerton and Brown Square neighborhoods, from State Street to Broad Street, and from Lorimer Street to Jay Street, as the City of Rochester's "Little Italy Historic District"; and furthermore proclaim June 2, 2019, to be the time to celebrate and honor Italian Republic Day, and this historic district designation in:


## THE LITTLE ITALY HISTORIC DISTRICT

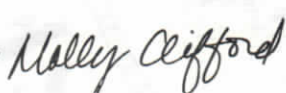
  
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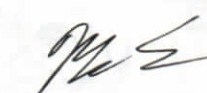
  
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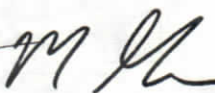
  
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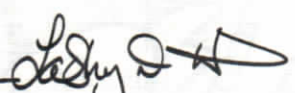
  
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