



**Pittsburg Unified School District
Resolution 25-12
2025 Italian American Heritage Month
(Introduced by Destiny Briscoe)**

WHEREAS, Pittsburg Unified School District is committed to recognizing and celebrating the diverse cultures represented in our community, staff, and students;

WHEREAS, the month of October is recognized as Italian American Heritage Month. We recognize the rich heritage of Americans of Italian descent and celebrate their immeasurable contributions to our nation, state, city, and school district;

WHEREAS, Congress and President George H.W. Bush first recognized Italian American Heritage Month by Special Proclamation in 1989;

WHEREAS, during the 20th century, Italians were the largest immigrant group in the United States and were among the earliest and largest group to settle in California. Today, they are the sixth largest ethnic group in America numbering over 26 million people, and represent more than 1.3 million in California;

WHEREAS, over five million Italians from Southern Italy and Sicily immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 2000 to obtain new and prosperous beginnings. Bound by enduring values of faith and family, Italian Americans continue to preserve their Italian traditions, and community in Pittsburg. Upon arrival in the United States, the Italian American community faced racial, social, and religious discrimination. Yet, Italian Americans have persevered with hope and hard work to reach the American dream;

WHEREAS, generations of Italian Americans have helped shape our society and steer the course of American history. They have served on the Supreme Court, and many have been state governors. They have made advances in engineering, science, and business. They continue to enjoy success in the film, music, and sports industries. Approximately half-million Italian Americans served in the U.S. military during World War II;

WHEREAS, some of the many successful Italian Americans were New York Yankees baseball star Joe DiMaggio who led the New York Yankees to nine world series titles, Oscar-winning musician Frank Sinatra, and Mother Cabrini who founded 67 hospitals, orphanages, and schools in the United States.

WHEREAS, Pittsburg Unified School District recognizes the hard work, dedication, and numerous achievements of Italian Americans who have contributed to the development of Pittsburg in various fields including business, education, the arts, and public service; and

WHEREAS, the Italian American Community has been instrumental in the establishment and success of local businesses, including but not limited to restaurants, bakeries, and other enterprises that have become staples of economic and social life in Pittsburg, and

WHEREAS, celebrating Italian American Heritage Month is one way that we can honor the many contributions of Italian Americans to our schools, our community, and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pittsburg Unified School District does hereby proclaim October 2025 as Italian American Heritage Month in Pittsburg Unified School District Schools and urges all to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusivity and equity.



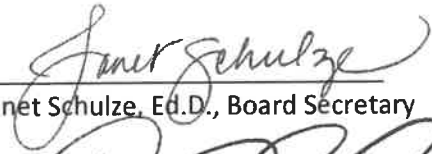
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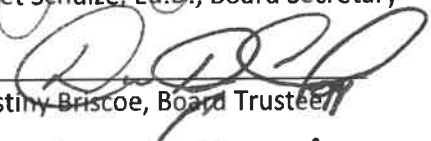
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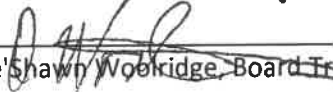
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