

**WHEREAS, the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Family Festa** continues what has become a well-established tradition in the community since 1977 when the Festa was the first ethnic festival to be held in San José as part of the bicentennial celebration, leading the way for a number of other ethnic organizations who now also hold similar festivals in San José;

**WHEREAS, the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Family Festa** is one of the largest events of its kind on the West Coast and is coordinated by the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF);

**WHEREAS, the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Family Festa** exemplifies the IAHF’s mission to preserve and promote the spirit of the Italian heritage by including authentic Italian food, a grape-stomping contest, a Tarantella contest, an extensive historical display of the local Italian-American community, and a pony-drawn San José Italian Festa Cart that will be covered with paintings and sculptures depicting historic San José;

**WHEREAS, the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Family Festa** also provides activities for children, features local artists performing non-Italian music, songs and dances, and showcases arts and crafts vendors selling products representing many ethnic cultures; and,

**WHEREAS, the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Family Festa** hosts its Opening Ceremony on the morning of August 24<sup>th</sup> and continues celebrating through Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at History Park San José.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby recognize and commend the IAHF for its

## *39<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Family Festa*

as a valuable and vibrant event commemorating and promoting the rich Italian-American heritage in Santa Clara County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this Thirteenth Day of August, Two Thousand and Nineteen by unanimous vote.

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Supervisor, District One

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President, Board of Supervisors


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