WHEREAS, Italian Americans have become an important and vibrant element of Santa Clara County, contributing immensely to the advancement of their community and the State in the areas of art, music, science, education and business; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans commemorate June 2nd as the day when Italians faced the decision over sixty years ago to become a kingdom or a republic; over two days, June 2 and 3, 1946, the citizens of Italy voted to form a republic; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans raise side by side the American and Italian flags; this is a tradition introduced to Santa Clara County in 1950 by the late Domenic Cirincione, and then continued through the efforts of the Board of Supervisors and the Italian American Heritage Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans in Santa Clara County and their supporters will this year celebrate the founding of the Italian Republic with a flag raising ceremony to be held at the James P. McEntee, Sr. Civic Center Plaza on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans and all Santa Clara County residents are urged to recognize and participate in activities to celebrate this important historical and cultural event;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim and recognize June 4, 2012 as the official celebration day of the

**FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA**

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Fifth Day of June, Two Thousand and Twelve by unanimous vote.

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Mike Wasserman
Supervisor, District One

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Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

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George Shirakawa
President, Board of Supervisors

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David Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

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Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

Approved as to Form and Legality

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County Counsel

Date: 5-22-12