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Legislation Text

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To recognize the Columbus Italian Festival held on October 5th-7th, 2012 and presented by Saint John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Italian Festival began in 1980 under the direction of Father Casto Marrapese of Saint John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church to raise awareness of Italian culture, sponsor college scholarships for area high school students, and to raise funds for the Italian Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, Saint John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church has been in existence since 1898 and has fostered the celebration of the city's Italian-American community through its sponsorship of the Columbus Italian Festival, as well as many other neighborhood activities; and

WHEREAS, the festival celebrates Columbus's vibrant Italian heritage beginning with the Columbus Day Italian Parade and continuing with live entertainment, including Italian dancing and musical acts, and activities, such as a bocce ball tournament and children's rides, as well as open-air markets that offer arts, crafts, and a wealth of Italian food; and

WHEREAS, this year's festival will also feature the Taste of Italy Event on Monday, October 1st, where festival goers can enjoy authentic Italian cuisine from local restaurants, as well as the ItaliaGate Tailgate Party on October 6th, where viewers can catch the Ohio State Buckeyes football team in action against Nebraska on a 13-foot screen television; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Italian Festival will again celebrate the rich traditions and heritage of the Italian community this October 5th-7th at and around St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church in historic Italian Village; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council hereby recognizes the 2012 Columbus Italian Festival for its contribution to the culture and economy of Columbus, and encourages all city residents to attend and enjoy the myriad of food, entertainment, and activities offered by its participants.