A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 18, 2007 AS ITALIAN DAY

- WHEREAS, There are between 50, 000 and 70,000 Utah residents of Italian descent; and
- WHEREAS, The Italian Center of the West is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history and contributions of Utah's Italian ancestors; and
- WHEREAS, The Italian Center of the West is the first Italian cultural center in Salt Lake City organized to "promote and preserve the awareness of Italian-American involvement in shaping the past, present and future of the region"; and
- WHEREAS, The Fifth annual "Ferragosto" is held in conjunction with traditional celebrations in Italy; and
- WHEREAS, "Ferragosto" is a free Cultural Street Festival celebrating traditional Italian art, music, dance and cuisine of the Italian communities living in the Salt Lake Valley; and
- WHEREAS, "Ferragosto" is held annually the third Saturday in August to recognize the legacy of Italian immigrant and their descendants; and
- WHEREAS, "Ferragosto" participants are pleased to welcome our new Sister City Torino, Italy; and
- *WHEREAS, "Ferragosto" is a family-oriented event for all who want to experience Italian culture, heritage and traditions.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That The Salt Lake City Council recognize Saturday, August 18, 2007, as Italian Day in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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