

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on June 2, 1946, 12 million Italians voted in favor of the birth of the Italian Republic while electing the assembly that would draft the new Constitution. Italy left the monarchy form of government and became a nation that is controlled by people; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1947, Italian citizens designated June 2<sup>nd</sup> as the “Festa della Republic”, a day of celebration to commemorate the change in their form of government; and

**WHEREAS**, their choice to become a Republic has been celebrated on this day since 1947, and continues to be celebrated in most cities throughout Italy, although centered in Rome; and

**WHEREAS**, Italian citizens see this day as a time to reflect on the main value of the holiday, which is feeling their freedom as an individual; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday centers on two main events: the military parade and the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Italian Unknown Soldier; and

**WHEREAS**, Festa della Republic (Italian Republic Day) remains a day of recognition by all Italian citizens throughout the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JB Whitten**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Crestview, Florida, do hereby proclaim:

*June 2, 2022*

As Italian Republic Day in recognition of the Italian citizens who made the choice to form a government controlled by its people and become a Republic that is now recognized by all nations.



*JB Whitten*  
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J.B. Whitten, Mayor

6/2/2022  
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