

1 [Commending Lorenzo Ortona, Consul General of Italy]

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3 **Resolution commending Lorenzo Ortona, Consul General of Italy, for his five years of**  
4 **dedicated service to the Italian American community.**

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6 WHEREAS, Lorenzo Ortona served as the Consul General of Italy in San Francisco  
7 and the western United States region for the last five years; and

8 WHEREAS, For the duration of his assignment, Consul General Ortona has honored  
9 San Francisco’s storied Italian history through programming promoting the Italian language  
10 and culture; and

11 WHEREAS, Consul General Ortona successfully assisted with the relocation of the  
12 Museo Italo Americano to North Beach, where it will become one of the largest Italian cultural  
13 centers in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, The Consul General established Italian American Heritage Day and Month  
15 — honoring the history of contributions of Italians and Italian Americans to San Francisco,  
16 including a celebration at City Hall; and

17 WHEREAS, He also helped oversee the creation of Tony Bennett Way near the  
18 Fairmont Hotel and brought renowned Italian chefs to the Bay Area with events like “A Taste  
19 of Italy;” and

20 WHEREAS, The Consul General further strengthened the sister city relationship  
21 between Assisi and San Francisco by helping to make the 50th year anniversary a huge  
22 success with delegates from each city visiting the other; and

23 WHEREAS, He helped to coordinate President Mattarella’s special visit to the Bay  
24 Area in October of 2019; and

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1           WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the Consul General has also focused on economic  
2 development and supported the reinstatement of a direct flight between San Francisco and  
3 Italy after a 20 year hiatus, further increasing opportunities for tourism, business, and  
4 investment; and

5           WHEREAS, With support from the Consul General, a new Bay Area chapter of the  
6 Italian Scientists and Scholars in North America Foundation was created, and will help better  
7 connect Italian researchers with the wealth of Bay Area academic resources and the scientific  
8 community; and

9           WHEREAS, Consul General Ortona, his loving wife Sheila, and beautiful children  
10 Lucca and Sophia will forever be life-long friends of the City of San Francisco and will be  
11 leaving a legacy that won't soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
13 hereby commends Lorenzo Ortona for his outstanding work as the Consul General of Italy in  
14 San Francisco.

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