

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commemorates the celebration of St. Joseph's Day on March 19, 2026, and establishes the Italian American Legislative Caucus

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commemorate the celebration of St. Joseph's Day on Thursday, March 19, 2026, in
3 recognition of the cultural and historic links between Italy and Louisiana and to
4 establish the Italian American Legislative Caucus.

5 WHEREAS, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Patron
6 Saint of Sicily and the universal Church, Italian Americans join with men, women, and
7 children of all ethnic origins to celebrate Saint Joseph and the rich heritage of Italy; and

8 WHEREAS, on Saint Joseph's Day, people throughout Louisiana and around the
9 world honor the tradition of the St. Joseph's Altar, a symbol of gratitude and community that
10 reflects the spirit of compassion and providence; and

11 WHEREAS, Italian immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural
12 foundation of the nation, and those of Italian lineage today proudly maintain the traditions
13 of their ancestors through food, faith, and family; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana shares a strong cultural connection with Italy, especially in
15 New Orleans and the surrounding parishes that welcomed waves of Italian immigrants
16 during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, who made significant cultural
17 contributions to the state's agriculture, commerce, and culinary identity; and

18 WHEREAS, Italian immigrants brought with them a deep-rooted tradition of brass
19 band music, often arriving at the Port of New Orleans with their own cornets and trumpets,
20 which became a foundational element of the city's unique musical landscape; and

1 WHEREAS, classically trained musicians and their descendants, including pioneers
2 such as "Papa" Jack Laine, Nick LaRocca, and Louis Prima, collaborated across cultural
3 lines to help fuse Italian operatic melodies and brass traditions with African rhythms; this
4 development played a pivotal role in the creation of the world-renowned genre of jazz; and

5 WHEREAS, the heritage of Italy is found in the timeless art, the enduring strength
6 of the Italian-American community, and the profound influence of Italian culture on the
7 unique fabric of Louisiana life.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the celebration of St. Joseph's Day on
10 Thursday, March 19, 2026, and does hereby recognize the cultural and historic links between
11 Italy and Louisiana.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby
13 establish the Italian American Legislative Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana to
14 represent and speak for Louisiana's Italian American citizens and to preserve and promote
15 the traditions of citizens of Italian heritage.

DIGEST

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