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### **Mayor Honors Italian-American Heritage Month**

Activities and Films to be Offered Throughout October

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker will signal the beginning of Italian-American Heritage Month in Salt Lake City on Friday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Mayor’s Office at the City & County Building, 451 South State Street. The Mayor will meet with Italian-American leaders and sign a proclamation recognizing the month-long celebration.

Celebration activities for Italian-American families and the public sponsored in part by the Mayor’s Office, the Honorary Italian Vice Consul, Michael Homer, and the Italian-American Civic League will be held throughout the month of October. Public events include the screening of the documentary “Our Story: Italian-Americans in Utah,” Italian family history activities with Italian genealogists Ruth Lapioli and Paola Manfredi, and “All Things Italian,” a screening of travel films of Italy at the Unity Center. A reception honoring Italian Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant’Agata will be held for invited guests at the Utah State Capitol on October 26.

“Italian-Americans have made significant historic and cultural contributions for the enrichment of our state and especially for Salt Lake City,” said Mayor Becker. “The Italian people have been a great source for the diverse cultural community we now embrace and celebrate.”

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#### **Italian-American Heritage Month Events October 2010**

Friday, October 1, 2010

*Mayor’s Proclamation*

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

*“Our Story: Italian-Americans in Utah”* documentary film

Columbus Community Center

6-8 p.m.

Pizza Party

Salute for Service - The Honorable Giovanni G. Maschero, former Italian Vice Consul

Free Admission - RSVP

Thursday, October 14, 2010

*"Reconnecting with your Italian Roots"*

6-8 p.m.

Family History Library – Records and Resources digitized and on microfilm

Italian Genealogists – Ruth Lapioli and Paola Manfredi

Free Admission - RSVP

Saturday, October 16, 2010

*Italian-American Civic League 2010 Columbus Day Party*

6-7 p.m. Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

St. Vincent's Holy Family Hall

\$25 per person - RSVP

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

*"All Things Italian"*

Giuliana Marple and Steve McCurdy – Travel films of Italy

Unity Center - Theatre

6-8 p.m.

Free Admission

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

*Italian Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata*

Guest Speaker at Brigham Young University during the day

Reception at State Capitol – Gold Room

5-7 p.m.

By invitation