

1 Introduced by Council Members J. Carlucci, Carlucci and Johnson and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Salem, Freeman, Miller and White:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-198-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE SAN MARCO
7 PRESERVATION SOCIETY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH
8 ANNIVERSARY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, in 1925, Jacksonville real estate developer Telfair
11 Stockton established the San Marco neighborhood, an 80-acre community
12 influenced by the City Beautiful movement with its winding streets,
13 planted medians, and use of parks and larger lots; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the neighborhood quickly became famous for its
15 distinctive Mediterranean Revival architecture, its old riverfront
16 mansions, and for San Marco Square, a vibrant commercial area with a
17 multi-level fountain at its center, inspired by the Piazza San Marco
18 in Venice, Italy; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1975, local residents and business owners came
20 together to lead a revitalization of San Marco Square by addressing
21 its aging fountain and to begin formulating a long-term improvement
22 plan for the future of the neighborhood; and

23 **WHEREAS**, these initial revitalization efforts led to the
24 official incorporation of the San Marco Preservation Society on March
25 19, 1976; and

26 **WHEREAS**, since its official incorporation, the San Marco
27 Preservation Society has worked tirelessly for five decades to
28 mobilize civic leaders, businesses, and citizens to lead
29 beautification efforts, restore and protect historic landmarks,
30 promote civic engagement, and establish smart growth principles that
31 preserve the distinct character of the San Marco neighborhood while

1 enhancing its economic vitality and quality of life; and

2 **WHEREAS**, among its many accomplishments, the San Marco
3 Preservation Society spearheaded the renovation and restoration of
4 the South Jacksonville City Hall in 2003, a building constructed in
5 1915 that serves as one of the few remaining visual reminders of the
6 City of South Jacksonville, an effort that earned recognition from
7 the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation in 2009, and now serves
8 as a permanent headquarters for the Society; now therefore

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

10 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates the 50th
11 anniversary of the San Marco Preservation Society and the dedicated
12 efforts of each member throughout its history in its mission to
13 preserve, protect, and renew the century-old neighborhood of San
14 Marco as an area of historical and architectural significance for
15 future generations.

16 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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