

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-443**

5 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING JULY 16, 2025, AS
6 "JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S DAY", RECOGNIZING THE
7 VALUE AND POTENTIAL OF CHILDREN IN OUR
8 COMMUNITY, AND HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF KIDS
9 HOPE ALLIANCE AND PARTNERS IN ADVANCING YOUTH
10 SUCCESS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville acknowledges the inherent
13 potential of every child and affirms the shared responsibility of the
14 community to ensure all children reach their academic, career, and
15 civic potential; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville's commitment to its children is
17 exemplified by the work of Kids Hope Alliance (KHA), a city-funded
18 agency that provides, coordinates, and monitors a comprehensive
19 continuum of programs and services designed to support children and
20 youth across Duval County; and

21 **WHEREAS,** through strategic partnerships with nonprofit
22 organizations, KHA invests millions annually in programs that promote
23 academic achievement, enrichment, mental health, nutrition, and
24 family support services reaching thousands of children in schools,
25 community centers, clinics, and homes; and

26 **WHEREAS,** KHA's initiatives, including literacy-rich after-
27 school and summer programs, and early learning programs, foster
28 creativity, critical thinking, well-being, and ensure children
29 receive wraparound services such as transportation and case
30 management, improving access to care and opportunity for at-hope
31 youth; and

1 **WHEREAS,** KHA's accomplishments are the result of collaborative
2 efforts, stakeholder feedback, and a shared civic commitment to
3 building a supportive and opportunity-rich environment for all
4 children; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville seeks to celebrate and elevate KHA's
6 accomplishments and encourage residents to champion the growth,
7 potential, and future of Jacksonville's youth; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby establishes July 16,
10 2025, as "Jacksonville Children's Day" as a celebration of youth,
11 family, and community investment and an opportunity to recognize the
12 value and achievements of children in Jacksonville. The City Council
13 extends appreciation to Kids Hope Alliance for their unwavering
14 commitment to supporting children and youth across Duval County.

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

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

22 Office of General Counsel

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