

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Lahnen:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-403**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING TODD BOOTH AND ALHAMBRA  
6 THEATRE & DINING FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY AND  
7 SUSTAINED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CULTURAL,  
8 ECONOMIC, AND ARTISTIC LIFE OF JACKSONVILLE, AND  
9 EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS UPON THE RECOGNITION  
10 AND NATIONAL ACCLAIM AS ONE OF THE BEST DINNER  
11 THEATERS IN AMERICA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
12 DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra Theatre & Dining stands as the longest  
15 continuously operating dinner theater in the United States, a singular  
16 institution where performance and hospitality converge, and where  
17 generations have gathered to experience the transformative power of  
18 live theater within a uniquely immersive environment; and

19 **WHEREAS**, under the bold and visionary leadership of Todd Booth,  
20 the Alhambra has not merely sustained its legacy but elevated it,  
21 pairing artistic excellence with disciplined management and forward-  
22 thinking innovation, ensuring that this treasured institution  
23 continues to thrive in a modern and competitive cultural landscape;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra has earned national recognition, including  
26 distinction among the top dinner theaters in the nation by *USA TODAY's*  
27 *10 Best Readers' Choice Awards*, affirming the Alhambra's status as  
28 both a Jacksonville landmark and a national destination for high  
29 quality theatrical entertainment; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra serves as both proving ground and artistic  
31 home, a tight knit creative space where emerging talent is cultivated

1 and refined, and where established performers return to the immediacy  
2 and authenticity of live performance, with artists such as former  
3 Miss America Leanza Cornett, Conrad deAndrea Lewis, Daryl Ruben Hall,  
4 Dr. James Webb, Tara Conner Jones, Paige O'Hara, Morgan Fairchild,  
5 and Dawn Wells shaping and being shaped by its stage; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra's legacy is further defined by the  
7 presence of celebrated performers whose appearances have elevated its  
8 national stature, including Betty Grable in her final stage  
9 performance, as well as Jamie Farr, Barbara Eden, Sally Struthers,  
10 and Loretta Swit, each contributing to a lineage of excellence that  
11 continues to resonate within Jacksonville's cultural narrative; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Alhambra's distinction extends beyond the stage,  
13 offering a curated culinary experience that complements its  
14 performances, where thoughtfully prepared cuisine transforms an  
15 evening at the theater into a fully realized sensory experience,  
16 reinforcing the Alhambra's role as a destination where artistry and  
17 hospitality meet with intention and care; and

18 **WHEREAS**, through its productions, workforce, and sustained  
19 operations, the Alhambra drives economic activity, supports local  
20 employment, strengthens tourism, and serves as a cornerstone of  
21 Jacksonville's creative economy, demonstrating that investment in the  
22 arts yields both cultural enrichment and tangible community benefit;  
23 now therefore

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

25 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors Todd Booth and  
26 the Alhambra Theatre & Dining for their enduring commitment to  
27 artistic excellence, cultural preservation, culinary distinction, and  
28 economic impact within the City of Jacksonville. The City Council  
29 recognizes the Alhambra as a defining institution, one that does not  
30 simply entertain, but elevates, connects, and sustains the cultural  
31 life of this city.

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

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5 Form Approved:

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7 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

8 Office of General Counsel

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