

Introduced by Council Member Johnson:

RESOLUTION 2025-701

A RESOLUTION HONORING LE DÎNER EN BLANC JACKSONVILLE 2025 FOR BRINGING CULTURE, UNITY, AND MAGIC TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, CELEBRATING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTISTIC, SOCIAL, AND CIVIC FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND RECOGNIZING IT AS A DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL MOVEMENT THAT ELEVATES THE CITY'S CREATIVE SPIRIT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Le Dîner en Blanc, known globally as "Dinner in White," is a dazzling cultural tradition spanning six continents, bringing together friends, families, and neighbors dressed in elegant white attire to share a meal in some of the world's most iconic public spaces; and

WHEREAS, since its Jacksonville debut in 2019 at Venue 841, Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville has transformed public spaces into dreamscapes, reimagining our city's gathering places as sites of art, elegance, and wonder, including the Duval County Courthouse Lawn in 2021, James Weldon Johnson Park in 2022, Metropolitan Park in 2023, and Venue 841 again in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville has become more than an event - it is a movement of cultural creativity and a spectacular demonstration of how mystery, unity, and shared joy can elevate our community's sense of place; and

WHEREAS, the event unites thousands of Jacksonville residents and visitors in a secret location revealed only moments before, creating a magical atmosphere where laughter, conversation, fashion,

1 music, food, and champagne flow, and where strangers become friends
2 under the canopy of our city's skyline; and

3 **WHEREAS**, by disappearing at the end of the night, leaving behind
4 no trace but extraordinary memories, Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville
5 exemplifies the values of community stewardship, artistic
6 imagination, and the spirit of shared responsibility for public space;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, this chic pop-up picnic, organized with precision and
9 creativity, contributes to Jacksonville's national reputation as a
10 city that values culture, celebrates diversity, and embraces new
11 traditions with flair and sophistication; now therefore

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

13 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby proudly honors and
14 commends Le Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville 2025 for its unique
15 contribution to the cultural vitality of our city. The Council
16 recognizes the organizers, volunteers, and participants whose
17 collective efforts transform a secret location into an unforgettable
18 celebration of unity, fashion, and community. The City of Jacksonville
19 affirms its appreciation for events that elevate civic pride, foster
20 cross-cultural exchange, and reimagine our shared urban spaces.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

28 Office of General Counsel

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