

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Bowman, DeFoor, Dennis, & Priestly Jackson:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-426-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING  
7 JACKSONVILLE AREA SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH NETWORK  
8 (JASMYN) ON ITS PROVISION OF NEEDED SERVICES TO  
9 AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF YOUTH IN NORTHEAST  
10 FLORIDA DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, WHICH IS LGBTQ  
11 PRIDE MONTH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, JASMYN was founded in Jacksonville in 1994 and has  
14 positively impacted the lives of thousands of young people for 28  
15 years; and

16 **WHEREAS**, JASMYN supports the empowerment of LGBTQIA+ young  
17 people through leadership, advocacy, resources, and a safe and  
18 affirming community. JASMYN is expanding its campus in downtown  
19 Jacksonville so it will have greater capacity through this Safe Place  
20 to assure that LGBTQIA+ young people's identities, aspirations and  
21 contributions are valued and affirmed; and

22 **WHEREAS**, JASMYN provides access to critical health services in  
23 partnership with other community organizations. Duval County has a  
24 significant youth population living with HIV, and JASMYN has provided  
25 thousands of HIV tests to youth for over 2 decades and supported  
26 hundreds of newly and previously diagnosed youth to get linked to  
27 medical care; and

28 **WHEREAS**, over 40% of the youth who are homeless in Jacksonville  
29 identify as LGBTQ, and JASMYN assists LGBTQIA+ young people to find  
30 safe, stable housing through its housing support programs. JASMYN  
31 additionally provides the LGBTQIA+ youth community with access to

1 food and hygiene pantry services, laundry facilities, and showers;  
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA+ youth disproportionately report being bullied,  
4 threatened, and feeling depressed, so JASMYN provides mental health  
5 counseling services to support LGBTQIA+ young people and directly  
6 supports Duval County students to assist them in making their school  
7 environments safer and more inclusive; and

8 **WHEREAS**, JASMYN plays an important role in advocating for best  
9 practices and policies that support LGBTQIA+ youth in schools,  
10 services, and in the Jacksonville community. As a lead partner in the  
11 Jacksonville Coalition for Equality, JASMYN successfully advocated  
12 for the City of Jacksonville to update its Human Rights Ordinance to  
13 protect the LGBTQIA+ community from discrimination and hosts annual  
14 events like Strides for Pride and the Coming Out Day Breakfast to  
15 bring hundreds of people together annually to celebrate the LGBTQIA+  
16 community and community and business allies who work together to  
17 improve the lives of LGBTQIA+ people in Jacksonville; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes and commends  
20 Jacksonville Area Sexual Youth Minority Network (JASMYN) on its  
21 provision of needed services to and advocacy for sexual minority  
22 youth in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida during the month of June,  
23 which is LGTBQ Pride Month across America. JASMYN provides invaluable  
24 services to a vulnerable population and advocates for fairness and  
25 equality for all people which improves our community.

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

1 Form Approved:

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4           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

5 Office of General Counsel

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