

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-283**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026
6 AS ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN
7 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated from
10 a joint resolution passed by the United States House of
11 Representatives and Senate and signed by President Jimmy Carter on
12 October 5, 1978, recognizing seven days in May 1979 as "Asian/Pacific
13 American Heritage Week"; and

14 **WHEREAS**, President George H. W. Bush signed legislation on
15 October 23, 1992, to permanently designate May of each year as
16 "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month"; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the month of May was chosen as Asian/Pacific American
18 Heritage Month to commemorate the entrance of the first Japanese
19 immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the
20 anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad, which
21 was largely constructed by Chinese immigrants, on May 10, 1869; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Asian/Pacific Americans are an integral component of
23 the Jacksonville community, with over 35,000 citizens of Duval County,
24 including approximately 7,500 Veterans and their families, tracing
25 their ancestry from over 40 different Asian countries and Pacific
26 islands; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes the
29 invaluable contributions of those with Asian ancestry to the
30 Jacksonville community and joins with the Asian/Pacific American
31 community in its celebration of the month of May 2026 as Asian/Pacific

1 American Heritage Month in Jacksonville.

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

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

9 Office of General Counsel

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