

1 Introduced by Council Member Becton and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members White, Salem, Carlucci, Carrico, Bowman, Morgan, Ferraro,
3 Pittman, Priestly Jackson, Howland, Diamond, Dennis, Newby, Freeman,
4 DeFoor, Gaffney, Cumber, and Boylan and amended on the Floor of
5 Council:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2022-421-A**

9 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JUNE 12, 2022, AS
10 PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE DAY; REQUESTING
11 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
12 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 1898, General Emilio Aguinaldo publicly
15 read the Act of Declaration of Independence proclaiming the
16 sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from the
17 colonial rule of Spain; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2022, the Filipino American community will
19 celebrate the 124th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, in
20 recognition of the establishment of the Philippine Republic by the
21 Revolutionary Government; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Philippine Independence Day is a special public holiday
23 throughout the Philippines in celebration of freedom, liberty and
24 independence, and inherent rights of all people; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have served with distinction as
26 members of the Armed Forces for over a century and sacrificed their
27 lives in many wars. The first wave of Filipino immigrants to
28 Jacksonville began in the 1940s as a result of enlistment of Filipinos
29 in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville is now home to the largest Filipino

1 population in Florida, with more than 25,000 residents of Filipino
2 descent. Philippine Independence Day is an opportunity to recognize
3 Jacksonville's Filipino Americans and appreciate their cultural,
4 economic, and political heritage; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors
7 Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 2022. Jacksonville City
8 Council celebrates the multitude of contributions that Filipino
9 Americans have made to enrich the culture of our city, state and
10 nation.

11 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
12 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
13 of this Resolution is requested in order to celebrate Philippine
14 Independence Day in a timely manner.

15 **Section 3. 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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22 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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