

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso and Co-Sponsored by Council Member  
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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-583-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 9, 2023, AS  
7 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
8 DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS,** the land we refer to today as Jacksonville is the  
11 traditional homelands of the Timucua, Seminole, Mascogo, Mocama, and  
12 Miccosukee, as well as other historical Indigenous group; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by  
14 a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations International  
15 Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the  
16 Americas; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday that celebrates  
18 and honors Native American peoples and commemorates their histories  
19 and cultures; and

20 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville City Council recognizes that the  
21 observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day is part of the history and  
22 heritage of Florida and of the United States; and

23 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville City Council encourages all citizens  
24 to learn more about the Indigenous people in our community and their  
25 way of life; now therefore

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

27 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby declares October 9,  
28 2023, as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" and urges Jacksonville's citizens  
29 to learn about the long and rich history of the Indigenous Peoples  
30 who have inhabited what is now Jacksonville and Northeast Florida for  
31 thousands of years.

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/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

8 Office of General Counsel

9 Legislation Prepared By: Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant

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