Introduced by Council Member Boylan:

## RESOLUTION 2025-855

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1945, a group of dedicated gardening enthusiasts founded the Mandarin Garden Club, endeavoring to beautify their community and cultivate an appreciation for nature and horticulture; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Mandarin Garden Club has grown to be an integral part of the fabric of the Mandarin community, with more than 200 members dedicated to education, volunteerism, and civic pride while maintaining its beautiful gardens for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Club's gardens help to sustain those in need with fresh grown produce regularly donated to the Mandrin Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Mandarin Garden Club is a vital community partner, supporting the efforts of local organizations like the Lions Club, the Ronald McDonald House and the Mandarin Community Club; and

WHEREAS, the Mandarin Garden Club provides educational opportunities for all ages, inspiring the next generation of environmental stewardship to continue the mission of community beautification; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby celebrates the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mandrin Garden Club. The Council appreciates the Mandarin Garden Club's dedication to community service, contributions to the quality of life in our city, and enduring commitment to

preserving natural beauty.

Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency. Emergency passage upon introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is the desire to timely celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Mandarin Garden Club on November 8, 2025.

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

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Form Approved:

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## /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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