

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller, Lahnen, Salem, Peluso, Pittman
2 and Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Clark-Murray and
3 Johnson:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-260-A**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 9, 2025, AS
8 PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF
9 JACKSONVILLE, RECOGNIZING CHILDCARE PROVIDERS
10 AND THE CRITICAL ROLE THEY PLAY FOR CHILDREN AND
11 WORKING FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE;
12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS,** Provider Appreciation Day is an annual celebration on
15 the Friday before Mother's Day that recognizes the work of childcare
16 providers, teachers, and other educators of young children,
17 established in 1995 by the National Association for Family Child
18 Care; and

19 **WHEREAS,** childcare providers and organizations support
20 children's growth, development, and educational advancement and
21 create positive economic impact for families and communities; and

22 **WHEREAS,** childcare providers are essential to the health of
23 our communities by fostering welcoming spaces, supporting working
24 families, and creating positive enriching environments where children
25 can develop lifelong skills; and

26 **WHEREAS,** support for affordable, accessible high-quality child
27 care represents a worthy commitment to help families work, support
28 healthy child development and learning, and keep our economy growing;
29 and

30 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville acknowledges and appreciates
31 the efforts of local childcare providers who keep our children safe,

1 nurture their curiosity, and prepare them for a lifetime of learning
2 and growth; now therefore

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

4 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes May 9, 2025,
5 as Provider Appreciation Day and encourages all residents to join in
6 expressing gratitude to childcare workers for their invaluable work
7 and contributions to the City of Jacksonville.

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

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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