

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Bowman, Boylan, Becton, Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray,
3 Cumber, DeFoor, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Howland, Morgan,
4 Newby, Pittman, Priestly Jackson, Salem and White and amended on the
5 Floor of Council:
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8 **RESOLUTION 2023-380-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING JUNE 12,
10 2023, AS THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE
11 INDEPENDENCE DAY; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
12 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING 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, 2023, the Filipino American community
19 will celebrate the 125th 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
23 holiday throughout the Philippines in celebration of freedom, liberty
24 and independence, 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 1940's as a result of the enlistment of
29 Filipinos in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville is now home to more than
31 25,000 residents of Filipino descent, representing the largest

1 Filipino population in the state of Florida. Philippine Independence
2 Day is an opportunity to recognize Jacksonville's Filipino Americans
3 and appreciate their cultural, economic, and political heritage; now
4 therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
7 celebrates the 125th anniversary of Philippine Independence Day on
8 June 12, 2023. The Jacksonville City Council celebrates the multitude
9 of contributions that Filipino Americans have made to enrich the
10 culture of our city, state and 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 recognize 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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21 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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