

Introduced by Council Member Boylan and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Amaro, Arias, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland, Johnson, Lahnen, Miller, Peluso, Pittman, Salem and White and amended on the Floor of Council:

RESOLUTION 2025-796-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANDARIN UPON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded in 1905, is the world's first, and one of the largest, non-profit non-religious service organizations in the world; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.4 million Rotary Club members, comprised of professionals and business leaders in more than 35,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 220 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Mandarin was established on October 1, 1975; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Rotary, as set forth in its motto "Service Above Self", is to inspire its members to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards and promote goodwill and peace in their communities and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Mandarin has, since its inception 50 years ago, provided continued service to Mandarin, throughout Jacksonville, and internationally through participation, recognition, service projects and financial support to a myriad of needs, causes, charities and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, among its annual services, the Rotary Club of Mandarin

1 recognizes and honors a policeman of the year; recognizes and honors
2 a teacher of the year at each of the Mandarin public schools;
3 participates in community activities including the Mandarin Arts
4 Festival, Mandarin food banks and Salvation Army bell ringing at
5 holidays; provides college scholarships for local students; builds
6 wheelchair ramps for indigent, elderly citizens of Jacksonville
7 (nearly 100 in recent years); provides meals for families of active
8 duty military service members; created and conducts the Run to Feed
9 the Hungry to raise funds for the Mandarin food bank and Daily Bread
10 food pantry; as well as having financially supported dozens of local
11 charities and international causes including Polio Plus (to eradicate
12 Polio) and an orphanage in Costa Rica; and

13 **WHEREAS**, by and through its service over the last 50 years of
14 its existence, the Rotary Club of Mandarin has made a positive,
15 meaningful and lasting impact on countless individuals and
16 organizations in Jacksonville and around the world; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors the Rotary Club
19 of Mandarin upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The Council
20 encourages all Jacksonville residents to join in recognizing the
21 contributions and service of the Rotary Club of Mandarin.

22 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
23 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
24 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
25 emergency is to have the honor bestowed upon this organization before
26 their last meeting of the month which occurs the morning of October
27 28, 2025.

28 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.
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Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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