

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-701-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING LE DÎNER EN BLANC
7 JACKSONVILLE 2025 FOR BRINGING CULTURE, UNITY,
8 AND MAGIC TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE,
9 CELEBRATING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTISTIC,
10 SOCIAL, AND CIVIC FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND
11 RECOGNIZING IT AS A DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL
12 MOVEMENT THAT ELEVATES THE CITY'S CREATIVE
13 SPIRIT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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15 **WHEREAS**, Le Dîner en Blanc, known globally as "Dinner in White,"
16 is a dazzling cultural tradition spanning six continents, bringing
17 together friends, families, and neighbors dressed in elegant white
18 attire to share a meal in some of the world's most iconic public
19 spaces; and

20 **WHEREAS**, since its Jacksonville debut in 2019 at Venue 841,
21 Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville has transformed public spaces into
22 dreamscapes, reimagining our city's gathering places as sites of art,
23 elegance, and wonder, including the Duval County Courthouse Lawn in
24 2021, James Weldon Johnson Park in 2022, Metropolitan Park in 2023,
25 and Venue 841 again in 2024; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville has become more than an
27 event - it is a movement of cultural creativity and a spectacular
28 demonstration of how mystery, unity, and shared joy can elevate our
29 community's sense of place; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the event unites thousands of Jacksonville residents
31 and visitors in a secret location revealed only moments before,

1 creating a magical atmosphere where laughter, conversation, fashion,
2 music, food, and champagne flow, and where strangers become friends
3 under the canopy of our city's skyline; and

4 **WHEREAS**, by disappearing at the end of the night, leaving behind
5 no trace but extraordinary memories, Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville
6 exemplifies the values of community stewardship, artistic
7 imagination, and the spirit of shared responsibility for public space;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, this chic pop-up picnic, organized with precision and
10 creativity, contributes to Jacksonville's national reputation as a
11 city that values culture, celebrates diversity, and embraces new
12 traditions with flair and sophistication; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby proudly honors and
15 commends Le Dîner en Blanc Jacksonville 2025 for its unique
16 contribution to the cultural vitality of our city. The Council
17 recognizes the organizers, volunteers, and participants whose
18 collective efforts transform a secret location into an unforgettable
19 celebration of unity, fashion, and community. The City of Jacksonville
20 affirms its appreciation for events that elevate civic pride, foster
21 cross-cultural exchange, and reimagine our shared urban spaces.

22 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
24 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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