

1 Introduced by Council Members Freeman, Salem, Diamond, Priestly
2 Jackson, Morgan, Gaffney, Carlucci, Bowman, Pittman, Howland,
3 Carrico, and Becton and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Boylan and
4 DeFoor:

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7 **RESOLUTION 2022-294-A**

8 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS
9 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN JACKSONVILLE;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, the City has demonstrated a commitment to mental health
13 as a critical part of overall wellness; and

14 **WHEREAS**, one out of every 4 Americans and one out of every 6
15 children experience a mental health disorder; and

16 **WHEREAS**, less than 40% of those impacted by a mental health
17 disorder receive the treatment necessary for a positive treatment
18 outcome due to limited or no knowledge of the signs and symptoms,
19 barriers to care, uncertainty, fear or shame; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has previously approved a three year
21 long mental health awareness campaign with Hearts 4 Minds Inc. to
22 help break the stigma of mental illness, raise awareness about the
23 importance of mental health and connect those that need to those that
24 provide; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City will continue to take opportunities to raise
26 awareness; and

27 **WHEREAS**, May has been designated National Mental Health
28 Awareness Month in the United States since 1949 by the Mental Health
29 America Organization; and

30 **WHEREAS**, a focus on prevention and early intervention efforts
31 associated with awareness could greatly reduce the number of adults

1 and children experiencing a serious mental health condition; and

2 **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that time should be set apart each
3 year for the direction of our thoughts toward our mental health and
4 well-being; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby declares the
7 month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Jacksonville and
8 urges all citizens to join the local movement to raise awareness
9 about mental health. Citizens are urged to join the fight against
10 stigma associated with mental illness and to take advantage of
11 resources and opportunities available to them to become more aware
12 of the importance of mental health and well-being to a persons overall
13 health and success. The City supports innovative approaches to
14 raising awareness, education, improving systems of care and
15 advocating for policies that support people with mental illness and
16 their families.

17 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

24 Office of General Counsel

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