

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-518**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS  
6 REUNIFICATION MONTH IN JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING  
7 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **WHEREAS**, all children deserve the care, love, security and  
10 stability of family to provide a solid foundation for personal  
11 development, growth, and well-being; and

12 **WHEREAS**, reunification with family is the preferred outcome for  
13 children and youth placed in out-of-home care, and is associated with  
14 positive outcomes for children and youth; and

15 **WHEREAS**, reunification with family is the most common outcome  
16 for children in out-of-home care and each year, hundreds of thousands  
17 of children are successfully reunified with their families  
18 nationally; and

19 **WHEREAS**, June is recognized nationally as Reunification Month,  
20 acknowledging the perseverance of parents who overcome overwhelming  
21 challenges to safely reunify with their children, showing other  
22 parents that the issues that led to family separation are solvable  
23 and reunification is achievable; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2025 in Duval and Nassau counties, 588 youth exited  
25 out-of-home care, of which 218 were reunified with their parents and  
26 69 found permanency with kin or like-kin relations, providing healing  
27 and stability as they grow; and

28 **WHEREAS**, safe reunification is possible when parents, extended  
29 family members, DCF Family Services workers, foster parents, service  
30 providers, lawyers, judges, and others work together; and

31 **WHEREAS**, June is recognized as National Reunification Month to

1 honor the hard work of the families necessary to reunite with their  
2 children, and the professionals, programs, and services that helped  
3 them achieve their goal; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes June 2026 as  
6 Reunification Month in Jacksonville.

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

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

14 Office of General Counsel

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