

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Morgan, Howland, Becton, Priestly Jackson, Ferraro, White,
3 Dennis, Cumber DeFoor, Gaffney & Diamond:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-333-A**

7 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JACKSONVILLE'S
8 BICENTENNIAL AND URGING CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN
9 THE MANY ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO CELEBRATE THE
10 CITY'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE; COMMENDING AND
11 THANKING THE ORGANIZERS OF JACKSONVILLE'S
12 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FESTIVITIES; PROVIDING
13 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, the name "Jacksonville" first appeared on an official
16 document when Isaiah D. Hart and 60 citizens living along the St.
17 Johns River petitioned U.S. Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams,
18 on June 15, 1822 to designate "Jacksonville" in the Territory of
19 Florida as an official port of entry for the United States; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the name "Jacksonville" was likely chosen by the
21 citizens of the area then known as "the cow ford" or "Cowford" as an
22 homage to Florida's former territorial governor, and War of 1812 hero
23 General Andrew Jackson; and

24 **WHEREAS**, although the initial petition for port of entry status
25 was unsuccessful, in 1832 the Florida Legislature approved a town
26 charter for Jacksonville and the city we now know was officially
27 born; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville grew substantially in the 1840s and 1850s
29 due to its status as a seaport and riverport and a producer and
30 exporter of naval stores. The Civil War slowed the City's development,
31 but growth rebounded in the post-war years as Jacksonville became a

1 manufacturing and commercial center and, by the late 19th century, a
2 railroad destination and popular winter tourism destination for
3 Northerners enjoying the area's warm weather, beaches, and lush sub-
4 tropical scenery; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville's greatest calamity occurred with the
6 Great Fire in May 1901, but the industrious city quickly rebounded,
7 rebuilt, and participated with the rest of the state in the great
8 Florida land boom of the early decades of the twentieth century. The
9 City's seaport and railroad assets and its mild climate made it an
10 important center for military training and shipbuilding in World Wars
11 I and II, and Jacksonville continues to be the site of some of the
12 most important U.S. Navy facilities on the East Coast; and

13 **WHEREAS**, throughout the twentieth century and continuing to the
14 present, Jacksonville's economy diversified into the fields of
15 banking, financial services, and insurance; advanced technology and
16 manufacturing; aviation and aerospace; health care and life sciences;
17 logistics; and education. The City's reputation for entrepreneurship
18 and job creation has made it one of the most attractive places for
19 new development in the country, and its population and business growth
20 in recent decades have made Jacksonville one of America's premier
21 cities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the bicentennial of the emergence of Jacksonville from
23 its Cowford beginnings offers the City and its one million citizens
24 the opportunity to reflect on our long and fascinating history and
25 to eagerly anticipate and plan for what the next century has to offer
26 for our city and our region; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commemorates the
29 bicentennial of the creation of Jacksonville and urges all citizens
30 to be active participants in the many and varied activities planned
31 to celebrate the City's past, present, and future.

