

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Carlucci, Johnson and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-443-A**

6 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING JULY 16, 2025, AS
7 "JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S DAY", RECOGNIZING THE
8 VALUE AND POTENTIAL OF CHILDREN IN OUR
9 COMMUNITY, AND HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF KIDS
10 HOPE ALLIANCE AND PARTNERS IN ADVANCING YOUTH
11 SUCCESS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville acknowledges the inherent
14 potential of every child and affirms the shared responsibility of the
15 community to ensure all children reach their academic, career, and
16 civic potential; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville's commitment to its children is
18 exemplified by the work of Kids Hope Alliance (KHA), a city-funded
19 agency that provides, coordinates, and monitors a comprehensive
20 continuum of programs and services designed to support children and
21 youth across Duval County; and

22 **WHEREAS,** through strategic partnerships with nonprofit
23 organizations, KHA invests millions annually in programs that promote
24 academic achievement, enrichment, mental health, nutrition, and
25 family support services reaching thousands of children in schools,
26 community centers, clinics, and homes; and

27 **WHEREAS,** KHA's initiatives, including literacy-rich after-
28 school and summer programs, and early learning programs, foster
29 creativity, critical thinking, well-being, and ensure children
30 receive wraparound services such as transportation and case
31 management, improving access to care and opportunity for at-risk

1 youth; and

2 **WHEREAS,** KHA's accomplishments are the result of collaborative
3 efforts, stakeholder feedback, and a shared civic commitment to
4 building a supportive and opportunity-rich environment for all
5 children; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville seeks to celebrate and elevate KHA's
7 accomplishments and encourage residents to champion the growth,
8 potential, and future of Jacksonville's youth; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby establishes July 16,
11 2025, as "Jacksonville Children's Day" as a celebration of youth,
12 family, and community investment and an opportunity to recognize the
13 value and achievements of children in Jacksonville. The City Council
14 extends appreciation to Kids Hope Alliance for their unwavering
15 commitment to supporting children and youth across Duval County.

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

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

23 Office of General Counsel

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