

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Crescimbeni and Newby:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2019-478**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
8 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BISHOP KENNY COUNCIL
9 1951 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS; PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus, founded by Michael J.
13 McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, is the world's largest
14 Catholic fraternal service organization. Originally serving as a
15 mutual benefit society to working-class and immigrant Catholics in
16 the United States, it developed into a fraternal benefit society
17 dedicated to providing charitable services, including war and
18 disaster relief, actively defending Catholicism in various nations,
19 and promoting Catholic education; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the
21 principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Charity
22 is the foremost principle of the organization and in 2017 the order
23 gave more than \$185 million directly to charity and performed over
24 75.6 million man hours in volunteer service. There are over 1.9
25 million members around the world comprising nearly 15,000 councils;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, on May 4th, 1919, the Bishop Kenny Council 1951 was
28 founded and chartered in the San Marco area of Jacksonville. The
29 Bishop Kenny Council 1951 is the seventh oldest Knights of Columbus
30 council in the state of Florida and continues in the tradition of
31 charity and community service throughout the Jacksonville area. In

1 2017, the Bishop Kenny Council 1951 received the Community Service
2 Award at the Knights of Columbus Florida State Convention. The
3 Bishop Kenny Council 1951 participates in many community service
4 events throughout the Jacksonville area including their annual Jags
5 Breakfast that raises funds for the Assumption Catholic Church
6 youth group, participation in the Jacksonville Zoo and Garden's
7 annual Dreamnight that provides an evening of fun for children with
8 special healthcare needs, distributing over 1,900 Easter baskets
9 to children across Duval county, organizing blood drives and
10 countless other events; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
13 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Bishop Kenny Council 1951
14 of the Knights of Columbus. The City Council extends its
15 congratulations on a century of charitable acts and its best wishes
16 for many more years of dedicated community service to the
17 Jacksonville area.

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Anthony J. Baltiero, City Council Research

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