

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman & Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Morgan, Carlucci, DeFoor, Cumber, Dennis, Priestly Jackson,  
3 Salem, Hazouri and Gaffney:  
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6 **ORDINANCE 2021-84-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 IN FUNDS  
8 FROM SPECIAL EVENTS - FLORIDA GEORGIA GAME  
9 CONTINGENCY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR AN  
10 EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATION IN JAMES WELDON  
11 JOHNSON PARK ON MAY 20, 2021; PROVIDING FOR  
12 OVERSIGHT BY THE PARKS, RECREATION AND  
13 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN  
14 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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16 **WHEREAS**, Emancipation Day in Florida is traditionally  
17 celebrated on May 20 to recognize the emancipation of African-  
18 American slaves, as proclaimed in Tallahassee on May 20, 1865, 11  
19 days after the end of the American Civil War and two years after  
20 the Emancipation Proclamation was first issued by President Abraham  
21 Lincoln; and

22 **WHEREAS**, this date is recognized throughout Florida and the  
23 United States in celebration of America's commitment to liberty and  
24 equality in accordance with the United States Constitution, along  
25 with the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Lincoln on  
26 January 1, 1863, and the 13th Amendment to the United States  
27 Constitution which abolished slavery, ratified by Congress on  
28 December 6, 1865; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville wishes to hold an  
30 Emancipation Day celebration in James Weldon Johnson Park on May  
31 20, 2021; now therefore



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