

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-426**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING  
6 JACKSONVILLE AREA SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH NETWORK  
7 (JASMYN) ON ITS PROVISION OF NEEDED SERVICES TO  
8 AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF YOUTH IN NORTHEAST  
9 FLORIDA DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, WHICH IS LGBTQ  
10 PRIDE MONTH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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12 **WHEREAS**, JASMYN was founded in Jacksonville in 1994 and has  
13 positively impacted the lives of thousands of young people for 28  
14 years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, JASMYN supports the empowerment of LGBTQIA+ young  
16 people through leadership, advocacy, resources, and a safe and  
17 affirming community. JASMYN is expanding its campus in downtown  
18 Jacksonville so it will have greater capacity through this Safe Place  
19 to assure that LGBTQIA+ young people's identities, aspirations and  
20 contributions are valued and affirmed; and

21 **WHEREAS**, JASMYN provides access to critical health services in  
22 partnership with other community organizations. Duval County has a  
23 significant youth population living with HIV, and JASMYN has provided  
24 thousands of HIV tests to youth for over 2 decades and supported  
25 hundreds of newly and previously diagnosed youth to get linked to  
26 medical care; and

27 **WHEREAS**, over 40% of the youth who are homeless in Jacksonville  
28 identify as LGBTQ, and JASMYN assists LGBTQIA+ young people to find  
29 safe, stable housing through its housing support programs. JASMYN  
30 additionally provides the LGBTQIA+ youth community with access to  
31 food and hygiene pantry services, laundry facilities, and showers;

1 and

2           **WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA+ youth disproportionately report being bullied,  
3 threatened, and feeling depressed, so JASMYN provides mental health  
4 counseling services to support LGBTQIA+ young people and directly  
5 supports Duval County students to assist them in making their school  
6 environments safer and more inclusive; and

7           **WHEREAS**, JASMYN plays an important role in advocating for best  
8 practices and policies that support LGBTQIA+ youth in schools,  
9 services, and in the Jacksonville community. As a lead partner in the  
10 Jacksonville Coalition for Equality, JASMYN successfully advocated  
11 for the City of Jacksonville to update its Human Rights Ordinance to  
12 protect the LGBTQIA+ community from discrimination and hosts annual  
13 events like Strides for Pride and the Coming Out Day Breakfast to  
14 bring hundreds of people together annually to celebrate the LGBTQIA+  
15 community and community and business allies who work together to  
16 improve the lives of LGBTQIA+ people in Jacksonville; now therefore

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

18           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby recognizes and commends  
19 Jacksonville Area Sexual Youth Minority Network (JASMYN) on its  
20 provision of needed services to and advocacy for sexual minority  
21 youth in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida during the month of June,  
22 which is LGTBQ Pride Month across America. JASMYN provides invaluable  
23 services to a vulnerable population and advocates for fairness and  
24 equality for all people which improves our community.

25           **Section 2.           Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3                   /s/ Paige H. Johnston                  

4 Office of General Counsel

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