

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller and Johnson and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Freeman and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-281-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 8, 2026, AS
7 PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF
8 JACKSONVILLE, RECOGNIZING CHILDCARE PROVIDERS
9 AND THE CRITICAL ROLE THEY PLAY FOR CHILDREN AND
10 WORKING FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, Provider Appreciation Day is an annual celebration on
14 the Friday before Mother's Day that recognizes the work of childcare
15 providers, teachers, and other educators of young children,
16 established in 1995 by the National Association for Family Child
17 Care; and

18 **WHEREAS**, childcare providers and organizations play a critical
19 role in a child's social development by creating safe, nurturing
20 environments where children learn to interact with peers, manage
21 their emotions, and build self-confidence; and

22 **WHEREAS**, childcare providers are often the first to help parents
23 and guardians identify developmental delays or learning differences
24 in their children, which allows for early intervention that can
25 significantly improve outcomes for children with special needs; and

26 **WHEREAS**, childcare providers are essential partners to working
27 parents and guardians, offering dependable daily care that allows
28 families to pursue employment, further their education, and
29 contribute to the economic strength of our City; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville acknowledges and appreciates
31 the efforts of local childcare providers who keep our children safe,

1 nurture their curiosity, and prepare them for a lifetime of learning
2 and growth; now therefore

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

4 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes May 8, 2026,
5 as Provider Appreciation Day and encourages all residents to join in
6 expressing gratitude to childcare providers for their invaluable work
7 and contributions to the City of Jacksonville.

8 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

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