

1 Introduced by Council Members J. Carlucci, Carlucci and Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-198**

5 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE SAN MARCO
6 PRESERVATION SOCIETY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH
7 ANNIVERSARY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, in 1925, Jacksonville real estate developer Telfair
10 Stockton established the San Marco neighborhood, an 80-acre community
11 influenced by the City Beautiful movement with its winding streets,
12 planted medians, and use of parks and larger lots; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the neighborhood quickly became famous for its
14 distinctive Mediterranean Revival architecture, its old riverfront
15 mansions, and for San Marco Square, a vibrant commercial area with a
16 multi-level fountain at its center, inspired by the Piazza San Marco
17 in Venice, Italy; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1975, local residents and business owners came
19 together to lead a revitalization of San Marco Square by addressing
20 its aging fountain and to begin formulating a long-term improvement
21 plan for the future of the neighborhood; and

22 **WHEREAS**, these initial revitalization efforts led to the
23 official incorporation of the San Marco Preservation Society on March
24 19, 1976; and

25 **WHEREAS**, since its official incorporation, the San Marco
26 Preservation Society has worked tirelessly for five decades to
27 mobilize civic leaders, businesses, and citizens to lead
28 beautification efforts, restore and protect historic landmarks,
29 promote civic engagement, and establish smart growth principles that
30 preserve the distinct character of the San Marco neighborhood while
31 enhancing its economic vitality and quality of life; and

1 **WHEREAS**, among its many accomplishments, the San Marco
2 Preservation Society spearheaded the renovation and restoration of
3 the South Jacksonville City Hall in 2003, a building constructed in
4 1915 that serves as one of the few remaining visual reminders of the
5 City of South Jacksonville, an effort that earned recognition from
6 the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation in 2009, and now serves
7 as a permanent headquarters for the Society; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates the 50th
10 anniversary of the San Marco Preservation Society and the dedicated
11 efforts of each member throughout its history in its mission to
12 preserve, protect, and renew the century-old neighborhood of San
13 Marco as an area of historical and architectural significance for
14 future generations.

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

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

22 Office of General Counsel

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