

Introduced by Council Member Johnson:

RESOLUTION 2025-447

A RESOLUTION HONORING ROLAND "LIL DUVAL" POWELL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURE, AND DECLARING JUNE 12, 2025, AS "LIL DUVAL DAY" IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK AS A HOMETOWN HERO WHO HAS ELEVATED THE PROFILE OF DUVAL COUNTY THROUGH COMEDY, MUSIC, AND COMMUNITY CAMARADERIE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Roland Powell, professionally known as "Lil Duval," is a nationally recognized comedian, actor, and musician who proudly hails from Jacksonville, Florida, and whose stage name is a direct tribute to his home county of Duval; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from First Coast High School, Powell pursued his passion for entertainment, rising through the ranks of Atlanta's comedy scene to earn national acclaim, all while consistently and publicly representing Jacksonville with pride; and

WHEREAS, Powell's break came in 2005 as a finalist on BET's *Coming to the Stage*, and he later became a regular on MTV2's *Guy Code*, *Hip Hop Squares*, and *Ain't That America*, while continuing to perform across the country and bring laughter to millions; and

WHEREAS, his 2018 hit single "Smile (Living My Best Life)" featuring Snoop Dogg and Ball Greezy became an anthem for positivity, joy, and authenticity, peaking at number 56 on the Billboard Hot 100, further proving his influence in both music and comedy; and

WHEREAS, Powell has appeared in music videos alongside Southern hip hop royalty including T.I., Yung Joc, Wale, and Three 6

1 Mafia, and his original routines such as the "Stalker's Anthem" have
2 become cult classics in the comedy world; and

3 **WHEREAS,** through his success, Powell has never wavered in his
4 commitment to his hometown, continuously shouting out Duval County
5 in his work and personal branding, using his platform to uplift,
6 entertain, and remind the world where he's from; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the inaugural Duval Day Concert, featuring major
8 national artists and curated by Powell, further reinforces his
9 dedication to fostering cultural vibrancy, economic opportunity, and
10 local pride in Jacksonville; and

11 **WHEREAS,** it is fitting and appropriate for the City of
12 Jacksonville to formally recognize Roland "Lil Duval" Powell's
13 achievements and celebrate his contributions to culture, comedy, and
14 community with a dedicated day of honor; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
17 Roland "Lil Duval" Powell for his outstanding accomplishments in
18 entertainment and his unwavering commitment to Duval County and the
19 City of Jacksonville. The City Council hereby declares June 12, 2025,
20 as "Lil Duval Day" in the City of Jacksonville, Florida, encouraging
21 all residents to celebrate hometown pride, community unity, and
22 cultural excellence.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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