

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller and Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-281**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 8, 2026, AS
6 PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF
7 JACKSONVILLE, RECOGNIZING CHILDCARE PROVIDERS
8 AND THE CRITICAL ROLE THEY PLAY FOR CHILDREN AND
9 WORKING FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, Provider Appreciation Day is an annual celebration on
13 the Friday before Mother's Day that recognizes the work of childcare
14 providers, teachers, and other educators of young children,
15 established in 1995 by the National Association for Family Child
16 Care; and

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

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

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

29 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville acknowledges and appreciates
30 the efforts of local childcare providers who keep our children safe,
31 nurture their curiosity, and prepare them for a lifetime of learning

1 and growth; now therefore

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

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

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

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

14 Office of General Counsel

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