

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

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-406-A**

6 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026 TO
7 BE CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN
8 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, in June 2005, the US House of Representatives
11 unanimously adopted House Concurrent Resolution 71 recognizing the
12 significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history
13 and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution
14 similarly passed the US Senate, and President George W. Bush issued
15 a Proclamation on June 6, 2006, declaring June to be Caribbean-
16 American Heritage Month in the United States; and

17 **WHEREAS**, there is no single Caribbean American identity, as the
18 mix of vibrant cultures, languages, and religions across the United
19 States and the islands reflects the diversity of spirit that defines
20 the American story. Meanwhile, our countries are united by common
21 values and a shared history, overcoming the yoke of colonialism and
22 creating new opportunities across borders and generations; and

23 **WHEREAS**, during Caribbean American Heritage Month, we celebrate
24 the achievements and dreams of the millions of people of Caribbean
25 origin now living in the United States while honoring the shared
26 history of joy and perseverance that has united and enriched life
27 across our region for centuries; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville, a city in which 3.5% of the population
29 claims ancestry from one of the Caribbean countries and in which 2.2%
30 of foreign-born persons who have become American citizens in our
31 county came from Caribbean countries, is enlivened by the presence

1 of many citizens of Caribbean descent whose businesses, foods, dress,
2 music, dance, art, and zest for life make our city a more diverse,
3 exciting place to live; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby declares the month of
6 June 2026 to be Caribbean American Heritage Month in Jacksonville in
7 conjunction with the observances nationwide and encourages all
8 citizens to become better acquainted with the histories, cultures,
9 and achievements of our neighbors to the south and to enjoy all the
10 enrichment that they have to offer our city.

11 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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