

Introduced by Council Members Amaro and Miller:

RESOLUTION 2025-444

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JUNE 12, 2025, AS
PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY; REQUESTING
EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1898, General Emilio Aguinaldo publicly
read the Act of Declaration of Independence proclaiming the
sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from the
colonial rule of Spain; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, the Filipino American community
will celebrate the 127th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, in
recognition of the establishment of the Philippine Republic by the
Revolutionary Government; and

WHEREAS, Philippine Independence Day is a special public
holiday throughout the Philippines in celebration of freedom, liberty
and independence, and inherent rights of all people; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have served with distinction as
members of the Armed Forces for over a century and sacrificed their
lives in many wars, the first wave of Filipino immigrants to
Jacksonville began in the 1940s as a result of enlistment of Filipinos
in the U.S. Navy during World War II and has continued through the
decades, developing ever closer ties between Jacksonville and the
Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville is now home to the largest Filipino
population in Florida, with more than 25,000 residents of Filipino
descent, the largest Asian immigrant population in the City
contributing tremendously to the City's cultural, economic, medical

1 and dining heritage; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Philippine Independence Day is an opportunity to
3 recognize Jacksonville's Filipino Americans and appreciate their
4 important and vibrant contributions to making Jacksonville the City
5 it is today; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates June 12,
8 2025, as Philippine Independence Day. The City Council celebrates the
9 multitude of contributions that Filipino Americans have made to enrich
10 the culture of our City, State and Nation.

11 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
12 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
13 of this Resolution is requested in order to celebrate Philippine
14 Independence Day in a timely manner.

15 **Section 3. 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

23 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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