

1 Introduced by Council President Salem:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-393**

5 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY'S  
6 APPLICATION TO HOST THE FLORIDA MUSEUM OF BLACK  
7 HISTORY; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON  
8 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, St. Johns County, recognizing the historical  
11 significance and cultural heritage of the African American experience  
12 in Northeast Florida, has proposed to host the Florida Museum of  
13 Black History; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the proposed location in St. Johns County,  
15 specifically near the historic site of the City of St. Augustine, is  
16 the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the United  
17 States and possesses a rich narrative of African American history;  
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, St. Johns County has demonstrated through detailed  
20 planning and extensive community support, as outlined in their  
21 proposal, the appropriateness of this location for the museum, which  
22 will serve as a central hub for cultural education and tourism in  
23 Florida and the Southeastern United States; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Florida Museum of Black  
25 History in St. Johns County is expected to enhance regional economic  
26 development, boost tourism, and provide educational resources through  
27 the promotion of historical and cultural heritage; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the proposed museum location benefits from strong  
29 transportation infrastructure, including proximity to major highways  
30 and airports, ensuring accessibility for visitors both regional and  
31 national; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the proposal has garnered widespread support from  
2 educational institutions, local governments, and community  
3 organizations, affirming the collaborative spirit and commitment of  
4 the region to honor and explore African American history and  
5 contributions; now therefore

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

7           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby supports St. Johns  
8 County's application to host the Florida Museum of Black History,  
9 recognizing the educational, economic, and cultural benefits of this  
10 proposal. The Council further directs the Chief of the Legislative  
11 Services Division to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the  
12 Chair of the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force, the Governor,  
13 the President and Minority Leader of the Florida Senate, and the  
14 Speaker and Minority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives  
15 to express the unified support of Jacksonville in this significant  
16 cultural initiative.

17           **Section 2.           Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
18 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction  
19 is requested in order to transmit this resolution for consideration  
20 by the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force at its next meeting  
21 on May 21, 2024.

22           **Section 3.           Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
24 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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          /s/ Shannon MacGillis

29 Office of General Counsel

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