

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller and Gay and Co-Sponsored by  
2 Council Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico,  
3 Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Howland, Johnson,  
4 Lahnen, Peluso, Pittman, Salem and White and amended on the Floor of  
5 Council:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2024-448-A**

9 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JUNE 12, 2024 AS  
10 PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN JACKSONVILLE;  
11 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;  
12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 1898, General Emilio Aguinaldo public  
15 read the Act of Declaration of Independence proclaiming the  
16 sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from the  
17 colonial rule of Spain; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on June 7, 2024, the Filipino American community will  
19 celebrate the 126<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Philippine Independence, in  
20 recognition of the establishment of the Philippine Republic by the  
21 Revolutionary Government; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Philippine Independence Day is a special holiday  
23 throughout the Philippines and in the Filipino community worldwide  
24 when the freedom, liberty, independence and inherent rights of all  
25 people are celebrated; and

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

1 Philippines; and

2       **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville is now home to the largest Filipino  
3 population in Florida, with more than 25,000 residents of Filipino  
4 descent, the largest Asian immigrant population in the city,  
5 contributing tremendously to the city's cultural, economic, medical  
6 and dining heritage; and

7       **WHEREAS**, Philippine Independence Day offers an opportunity to  
8 recognize Jacksonville's Filipino American residents and appreciate  
9 their important and vibrant contributions to making Jacksonville the  
10 city it is today; now therefore

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

12       **Section 1.**       The City Council hereby commemorates June 12,  
13 2024 as the 126<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Philippine Independence Day in  
14 Jacksonville and celebrates the multitude of important contributions  
15 that Filipino American citizens have made to enrich the culture of  
16 our city, state and nation.

17       **Section 2.       Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
18 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction  
19 is requested so that this resolution can be presented at an event  
20 commemorating the 126<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be held on June 7, 2024.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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