

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

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8 **RESOLUTION 2025-232-A**

9 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS ARAB
10 AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF
11 JACKSONVILLE, CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
12 ARAB AMERICANS TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
13 THE UNITED STATES; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
14 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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16 **WHEREAS**, Arab American Heritage Month is observed nationwide
17 in April to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural heritage,
18 history, and contributions of Arab Americans to the United States;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, Arab Americans have been an integral part of American
21 society for over a century, making significant contributions in the
22 fields of business, education, medicine, law, technology, government,
23 culture, and the arts; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville is home to a diverse and vibrant Arab
25 American community whose contributions continue to strengthen the
26 City's social, economic, and cultural fabric; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Arab Americans have played a vital role in advancing
28 civil rights and fostering mutual understanding among different
29 communities; and

30 **WHEREAS**, recognizing Arab American Heritage Month in
31 Jacksonville highlights the importance of embracing and celebrating

1 the diversity of cultures and backgrounds that make the City a
2 welcoming and inclusive place for all; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville acknowledges and appreciates
4 the efforts of local Arab American organizations, businesses, and
5 community leaders who continue to enhance the prosperity and
6 well-being of the City through their dedication and hard work; now
7 therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes April 2025 as
10 Arab American Heritage Month and encourages all residents to join in
11 celebrating the rich heritage, culture, and contributions of Arab
12 Americans.

13 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
14 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
15 introduction of this legislation is requested in order to recognize
16 Arab American Heritage Month in April in a timely manner.

17 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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