

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller and Co-Sponsored by Council Member
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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-745-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING NOVEMBER 22, 2025, AS
7 NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY IN JACKSONVILLE, AND
8 RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL
9 ADOPTION MONTH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, National Adoption Day is observed each year on the
12 Saturday before Thanksgiving, this year falling on November 22, 2025,
13 as a national effort to finalize adoptions and raise awareness of
14 children waiting in foster care; and

15 **WHEREAS**, since 1995, November has been celebrated as National
16 Adoption Month, with a focus upon the adoption of children currently
17 in foster care, and an opportunity to honor adoptive families who
18 chose to provide children with a permanent place to call home; and

19 **WHEREAS**, National Adoption Day began in 1999 through a coalition
20 that included the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Congressional
21 Coalition on Adoption Institute, Alliance for Children's Rights, and
22 Children's Action Network; and

23 **WHEREAS**, events are now held in over 400 communities across the
24 nation where thousands of adoptions are finalized each year, and to
25 date more than 90,000 children have found permanent, loving homes
26 through National Adoption Day celebrations; and

27 **WHEREAS**, there is an ongoing need for adoptive families that
28 build lifelong connections for children and teens who deserve a safe,
29 secure environment to thrive into adulthood; and

30 **WHEREAS**, National Adoption Day is an opportunity to recognize
31 the enduring contributions of adoptive families, social workers, and

1 support professionals in Jacksonville and beyond; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Family Support Services of North Florida, with Daniel
3 Kids, Jewish Family and Community Services, and the National Youth
4 Advocate Program adoption initiatives found forever families for 284
5 children and teens in foster care in fiscal year 2024-2025; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the need for adoptions continues to be critical, with
7 more than 113,000 children waiting in foster care to be adopted; and
8 families, volunteers, social workers, and legal professionals play a
9 crucial role in helping ensure these children have the opportunity
10 for permanency and stability; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates November 22,
13 2025, as National Adoption Day in the City of Jacksonville, providing
14 a special opportunity to acknowledge the creation of new and growing
15 families on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The City Council also
16 celebrates November as National Adoption Month, creating an
17 opportunity to spread awareness about adoption, advocate for the
18 wellbeing of children in foster care, and to honor families that have
19 given children a permanent place to call home.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

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