

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Amaro and Peluso:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-305-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 28 -
7 MAY 4, 2024, AS NATIONAL PRESERVATION WEEK;
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, libraries comprise 35% of institutions that hold a
11 portion of the 13 billion items preserved in the U.S.; and

12 **WHEREAS**, cataloging, shelving, storing, and providing some
13 degree of protection for items of national heritage is critical to
14 preserving the history of our local, regional, and national
15 communities; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville Public Library has more than 100,000
17 items in its Special Collections, including documents that pre-date
18 the Great Jacksonville Fire of 1901, an original bust sculpted by
19 renowned artist Augusta Savage, and the Lewis Ansbacher Map Collection
20 which contains 246 antiquarian maps and engravings dating as far back
21 as 1522; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville Public Library was recently awarded a
23 \$1,000,000 grant by the Mellon Foundation to expand its African
24 American History Collection and to capture and preserve unique stories
25 and rich local histories not previously known or archived; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville Public Library staff guide people from
27 across the city in digitizing their items in its Memory Lab so people
28 can preserve their and the city's history for generations to come;
29 now therefore

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

31 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby proclaims the week of

1 April 28-May 4, 2024, as National Preservation Week in Jacksonville
2 and encourages all citizens to bring their personal and local
3 historical documents, photos, videos, and recordings to the Library's
4 Memory Lab to preserve them digitally and, wherever appropriate,
5 donate them to the Library to fortify the city's historical artifact
6 and records collection.

7 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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