

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-305**

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby proclaims the week of  
31 April 28-May 4, 2024, as National Preservation Week in Jacksonville

1 and encourages all citizens to bring their personal and local  
2 historical documents, photos, videos, and recordings to the Library's  
3 Memory Lab to preserve them digitally and, wherever appropriate,  
4 donate them to the Library to fortify the city's historical artifact  
5 and records collection.

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

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10 Form Approved:

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12           /s/ Shannon MacGillis          

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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