

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Freeman, Salem, Bowman, Diamond, Ferraro, Gaffney, DeFoor,
3 Cumber, Pittman, Morgan, Wilson, Hazouri, White, Priestly Jackson,
4 Becton, Boylan, Newby and Dennis and amended by the Rules
5 Committee:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2019-781-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF
10 THE MAYOR'S HISPANIC AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, with the vision of the fast growing Hispanic Community
14 in Jacksonville and their countless contributions to this great
15 city, in 1998 Tomas A. Jimenez Sr. recommended the creation of the
16 Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board to Mayor John Delaney. The
17 Hispanic American Advisory Board was assembled to serve as conduit
18 between the Hispanic American community in Northeast Florida and
19 city leaders. The Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board was
20 created so Hispanic Americans could have access to dialogue with
21 local leadership, in order to promote active participation in the
22 shaping of the Jacksonville of the 21st Century; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mayor John Delaney acted upon the request from Tomas
24 A. Jimenez, Sr., and recognized that the City of Jacksonville had a
25 vibrant and rapidly growing Hispanic American community, and Mayor
26 Delaney wanted to provide a forum through which residents of
27 Hispanic descent could more actively participate in making
28 Jacksonville the best place to live in the country; and

29 **WHEREAS**, by Executive Order in June of 1998, Mayor John
30 Delaney created the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board to

1 gather information about the needs of Hispanic American residents,
2 to provide guidance to community leaders about how to best meet
3 those needs, to enhance Jacksonville's image as a global, diverse
4 and multicultural city, to develop and promote the educational
5 advancement of the city's Hispanic youth, to help develop a
6 bilingual workforce to facilitate the mobilization of foreign
7 industries to Jacksonville, to increase participation of Hispanic
8 Americans in local government, and to provide a forum for the
9 education of Hispanic American residents about city programs and
10 processes to help them advance their businesses; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1998 Mayor John Delaney appointed the following
12 members of the Jacksonville Hispanic Community to serve as liaisons
13 between Jacksonville City Government and the Hispanic Community:
14 Founding Chairman Tomas A. Jimenez, Sr., Vice Chairman Ricardo
15 Morales, Jr., Secretary Victor Cora, Treasurer Gloria Linares,
16 Wilfredo Gonzalez, Dr. Gaston Acosta Rua M.D., Dr. Norberto Benitez
17 M.D., Migdalia Figueroa J.D., and Ed Gonzalez. The first meeting of
18 the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board was held in July of
19 1998 at the City Hall Annex; now therefore

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

21 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
22 21st anniversary of the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board
23 and commends Founding Chairman Tomas A. Jimenez, Sr. and the
24 members of the first Board of Directors of the Mayor's Hispanic
25 American Advisory Board for their unyielding work on behalf of the
26 Hispanic community of Jacksonville. Jacksonville City Council
27 commemorates the significant past contributions from the Mayor's
28 Hispanic American Advisory Board and recognizes their valuable
29 ongoing efforts to make our city better.

30 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

2 Form Approved:

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4 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

5 Office of General Counsel

6 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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