

1 Introduced by Council Member Becton:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-421**

5 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JUNE 12, 2022, AS
6 PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE DAY; REQUESTING
7 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 1898, General Emilio Aguinaldo publicly
11 read the Act of Declaration of Independence proclaiming the
12 sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from the
13 colonial rule of Spain; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2022, the Filipino American community will
15 celebrate the 124th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, in
16 recognition of the establishment of the Philippine Republic by the
17 Revolutionary Government; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Philippine Independence Day is a special public holiday
19 throughout the Philippines in celebration of freedom, liberty and
20 independence, and inherent rights of all people; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have served with distinction as
22 members of the Armed Forces for over a century and sacrificed their
23 lives in many wars. The first wave of Filipino immigrants to
24 Jacksonville began in the 1940s as a result of enlistment of Filipinos
25 in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville is now home to the largest Filipino
27 population in Florida, with more than 25,000 residents of Filipino
28 descent. Philippine Independence Day is an opportunity to recognize
29 Jacksonville's Filipino Americans and appreciate their cultural,
30 economic, and political heritage; now therefore

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

1 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors
2 Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 2022. Jacksonville City
3 Council celebrates the multitude of contributions that Filipino
4 Americans have made to enrich the culture of our city, state and
5 nation.

6 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
7 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
8 of this Resolution is requested in order to celebrate Philippine
9 Independence Day in a timely manner.

10 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 _____ /s/ Paige H. Johnston

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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