

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan and Co-Sponsored by Council Member
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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-855-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF
7 THE MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
8 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, on November 8, 1945, a group of dedicated gardening
12 enthusiasts founded the Mandarin Garden Club, endeavoring to beautify
13 their community and cultivate an appreciation for nature and
14 horticulture; and

15 **WHEREAS**, over the years, the Mandarin Garden Club has grown to
16 be an integral part of the fabric of the Mandarin community, with
17 more than 200 members dedicated to education, volunteerism, and civic
18 pride while maintaining its beautiful gardens for all to enjoy; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Club's gardens help to sustain those in need with
20 fresh grown produce regularly donated to the Mandrin Food Bank; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Mandarin Garden Club is a vital community partner,
22 supporting the efforts of local organizations like the Lions Club,
23 the Ronald McDonald House and the Mandarin Community Club; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Mandarin Garden Club provides educational
25 opportunities for all ages, inspiring the next generation of
26 environmental stewardship to continue the mission of community
27 beautification; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates the 80th
30 Anniversary of the Mandrin Garden Club. The Council appreciates the
31 Mandarin Garden Club's dedication to community service, contributions

1 to the quality of life in our city, and enduring commitment to
2 preserving natural beauty.

3 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
4 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
5 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
6 emergency is the desire to timely celebrate the 80th Anniversary of
7 the Mandarin Garden Club on November 8, 2025.

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

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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