

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci and Cumber and Co-Sponsored  
2 by Council Members Gaffney, Ferraro, Becton, Newby, Diamond, DeFoor,  
3 Boylan, Carrico, Howland, Pittman, White, Dennis, Freeman, Priestly  
4 Jackson, Salem, Bowman, and Morgan & amended by the Rules Committee  
5 and amended on the Floor of Council:  
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8 **RESOLUTION 2022-296-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING SAN  
10 MARCO BOOKS AND MORE ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
11 THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY; DECLARING APRIL 30,  
12 2022 AS "INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY" IN  
13 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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15 **WHEREAS**, in 1972, John and Laura Blauer and their son Mike opened  
16 the San Marco Bookstore in historic San Marco Square as a used  
17 bookstore, which they operated successfully for 27 years; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, Janet and Mike Molyneaux purchased the store,  
19 made physical renovations and refined and expanded the bookstore's  
20 offerings to better meet the desires of its clientele, adding new  
21 books to the inventory and developing outstanding collections of  
22 children's books, classic literature, and Jacksonville and Florida  
23 history volumes, along with puzzles, games, and other unique literary  
24 merchandise; and

25 **WHEREAS**, San Marco Books and More is a classic family-owned  
26 business now operated by three generations of the Molyneaux family -  
27 Janet and Mike, their daughter Desiree Bailey, and her children Colin  
28 and Kate. The store is an anchor in San Marco Square, and is deeply  
29 committed to supporting other Jacksonville institutions such as the  
30 Jacksonville Symphony, the Museum of Science and History, the  
31 Jacksonville Public Library, and the San Marco Merchants Association

1 through literary partnerships and special events; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the bookstore is constantly changing with the times to  
3 better meet customer needs, including hosting book clubs in the store;  
4 facilitating author talks and book signings on a weekly basis; and  
5 developing a full-service website that served patron needs during the  
6 COVID-19 pandemic and remains a great asset to online visitors; and

7       **WHEREAS**, independent bookstores are a vital resource in any  
8 community, providing a home for intellectual discourse, the exchange  
9 of ideas, debate on issues, the promotion of literacy, and encouraging  
10 a love of reading in people of all ages. San Marco Books and More is  
11 a shining example among independent bookstores as a fundamental  
12 community resource and has faithfully served the needs of the  
13 Jacksonville community since 1972; now therefore

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

15       **Section 1.**       The City Council hereby honors and congratulates  
16 San Marco Books and More on 50 years of outstanding service to its  
17 customers and to the citizens of Jacksonville. It extends the City's  
18 best wishes for future success to the Molyneaux and Bailey families  
19 and thanks them for being cornerstones of the San Marco community and  
20 the city at large.

21       **Section 2.**       The City Council also hereby declares Saturday,  
22 April 30, 2022 as "Independent Bookstore Day" in Jacksonville and  
23 encourages citizens to patronize independent bookstores on that day  
24 and continually in support of the vital role they play in community  
25 life.

26       **Section 3.       Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
28 without the Mayor's signature.

