

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-745**

5 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING NOVEMBER 22, 2025, AS
6 NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY IN JACKSONVILLE, AND
7 RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL
8 ADOPTION MONTH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, National Adoption Day is observed each year on the
11 Saturday before Thanksgiving, this year falling on November 22, 2025,
12 as a national effort to finalize adoptions and raise awareness of
13 children waiting in foster care; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since 1995, November has been celebrated as National
15 Adoption Month, with a focus upon the adoption of children currently
16 in foster care, and an opportunity to honor adoptive families who
17 chose to provide children with a permanent place to call home; and

18 **WHEREAS**, National Adoption Day began in 1999 through a coalition
19 that included the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Congressional
20 Coalition on Adoption Institute, Alliance for Children's Rights, and
21 Children's Action Network; and

22 **WHEREAS**, events are now held in over 400 communities across the
23 nation where thousands of adoptions are finalized each year, and to
24 date more than 90,000 children have found permanent, loving homes
25 through National Adoption Day celebrations; and

26 **WHEREAS**, there is an ongoing need for adoptive families that
27 build lifelong connections for children and teens who deserve a safe,
28 secure environment to thrive into adulthood; and

29 **WHEREAS**, National Adoption Day is an opportunity to recognize
30 the enduring contributions of adoptive families, social workers, and
31 support professionals in Jacksonville and beyond; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Family Support Services of North Florida, with Daniel
2 Kids, Jewish Family and Community Services, and the National Youth
3 Advocate Program adoption initiatives found forever families for 284
4 children and teens in foster care in fiscal year 2024-2025; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the need for adoptions continues to be critical, with
6 more than 113,000 children waiting in foster care to be adopted; and
7 families, volunteers, social workers, and legal professionals play a
8 crucial role in helping ensure these children have the opportunity
9 for permanency and stability; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates November 22,
12 2025, as National Adoption Day in the City of Jacksonville, providing
13 a special opportunity to acknowledge the creation of new and growing
14 families on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The City Council also
15 celebrates November as National Adoption Month, creating an
16 opportunity to spread awareness about adoption, advocate for the
17 wellbeing of children in foster care, and to honor families that have
18 given children a permanent place to call home.

19 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
20 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
21 without the Mayor's signature.

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Shannon M^acGillis

26 Office of General Counsel

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