

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Becton, Salem, Hazouri and Ferraro:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2020-223-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER  
7 OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ON  
8 THE EVENT OF THEIR 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY; PROVIDING  
9 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, to honor their heritage and to perpetuate the memory  
12 of the men and women who achieved American independence, the  
13 Daughters of the American Revolution received the approval of the  
14 President of the United States of America and was founded on  
15 October 11, 1890 in Washington DC with the purpose of making a  
16 difference in their communities across the country and the world.  
17 The organization is open to all women 18 years of age or older who  
18 can prove a lineal descendent from a Patriot of the American  
19 Revolution. By an Act of Congress, the Jacksonville Chapter formed  
20 on April 3, 1895 with 18 members and is acknowledged as the first  
21 Chapter of the DAR in the State of Florida and lovingly known as  
22 the "Florida's Mother Chapter"; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in order to preserve the principles of the founders  
24 of our nation, all meetings open with the ritual of the Pledge of  
25 Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the  
26 National Anthem, the Preamble to the Constitution and the  
27 American's Creed; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in 1924 the Jacksonville Chapter, in support of  
29 international recognition of Jean Ribault as a leader of religious  
30 freedom, placed a memorial known as the Ribault Monument in

1 Mayport, later moved to Ft. Caroline National Memorial. In 1928 the  
2 Jacksonville Chapter DAR placed a marker at the northeast corner of  
3 Hemming Park to highlight the convergence of the Apalachee Trail  
4 and the Kings Road leading into the Florida territory prior to  
5 statehood. In 1938 the Jacksonville Chapter placed a marker in the  
6 vicinity of Ft. George Island to honor French Huguenots who arrived  
7 at the Florida shore in search of religious freedom. This was the  
8 first historic marker placed by a DAR chapter in the State of  
9 Florida which led the way to innumerable DAR markers that followed;  
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1895 the Jacksonville Chapter sponsored the first  
12 applicant to the Florida Children of the American Revolution  
13 Society, the nation's oldest and largest patriotic youth  
14 organization. Patriotism, Education and Historic Preservation are  
15 the focus of the Jacksonville Chapter and accordingly among its  
16 activities are the Wreaths Across America for National Cemeteries;  
17 scholarships in pursuit of American History degrees; recognition of  
18 American History teachers; awards of ROTC ribbons, medals and  
19 certificates; the presentation of Good Citizenship Awards and  
20 Awards for Outstanding Service to the Community; recognition of  
21 high school students' patriotic essays; and participation in  
22 naturalization services; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Chapter continues a long-standing  
24 relationship with the local military, military veterans and the  
25 USO. Additionally, the Chapter presents flag retirement ceremonies  
26 and celebrates special patriotic days. On April 3, 2020, the  
27 Jacksonville Chapter of the National Daughters of the American  
28 Revolution Duval County, in the State of Florida, celebrated their  
29 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of non-profit, volunteer service to the community  
30 of Jacksonville; now therefore

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

1           **Section 1.**       The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the  
2 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jacksonville Chapter of the National  
3 Daughters of the American Revolution and commends the DAR members  
4 for their patriotism, commitment to historical education, and  
5 continuous service to our community.

6           **Section 2.       Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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