

1 Introduced by Council Members Miller and Gay:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-448**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JUNE 12, 2024 AS
6 PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN JACKSONVILLE;
7 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 1898, General Emilio Aguinaldo public
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 7, 2024, the Filipino American community will
15 celebrate the 126th 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 holiday
19 throughout the Philippines and in the Filipino community worldwide
20 when the freedom, liberty, independence and inherent rights of all
21 people are celebrated; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have served with distinction as
23 members of the U.S. Armed Forces for over a century and sacrificed
24 their lives in many wars. The first wave of Filipino immigrants to
25 Jacksonville began in the 1940s as a result of the enlistment of
26 Filipinos in the U.S. Navy in World War II and has continued through
27 the decades, developing ever-closer ties between Jacksonville and the
28 Philippines; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville is now home to the largest Filipino
30 population in Florida, with more than 25,000 residents of Filipino
31 descent, the largest Asian immigrant population in the city,

1 contributing tremendously to the city's cultural, economic, medical
2 and dining heritage; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Philippine Independence Day offers an opportunity to
4 recognize Jacksonville's Filipino American residents and appreciate
5 their important and vibrant contributions to making Jacksonville the
6 city it is today; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commemorates June 12,
9 2024 as the 126th anniversary of Philippine Independence Day in
10 Jacksonville and celebrates the multitude of important contributions
11 that Filipino American citizens have made to enrich the culture of
12 our city, state and nation.

13 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
14 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
15 is requested so that this resolution can be presented at an event
16 commemorating the 126th anniversary to be held on June 7, 2024.

17 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

24 Office of General Counsel

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