

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Gaffney, Ferraro, Becton, Newby, Diamond, Cumber, Carlucci,
3 Boylan, Carrico, Howland, Pittman, White, DeFoor, Freeman, Priestly
4 Jackson, Salem, Bowman, and Morgan & amended on the Floor of Council:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2022-336-A**

8 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 5TH AS "CINCO DE
9 MAYO" AND HONORING THE HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS
10 OF MEXICAN-AMERICANS TO OUR SOCIETY; REQUESTING
11 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
12 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, May 5th, or ``Cinco de Mayo'' in Spanish, is celebrated
15 each year as a date of importance by Mexican and Mexican-American
16 communities in commemoration of the date in 1862 on which the Mexican
17 Army defeated the French at the Battle of Puebla, one of the many
18 battles that the Mexican people won in their long and brave fight for
19 independence, freedom, and democracy; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the victory of Mexico over France at Puebla represented
21 a historic triumph for the Mexican government during the Franco-
22 Mexican war fought between 1861 and 1867 and bolstered the resistance
23 movement, reinvigorating the spirits of the Mexican people and
24 providing a renewed sense of unity and strength through a victory
25 over a major European power; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder that the foundation
27 of the United States was built by people from many countries and
28 diverse cultures who were willing to fight and die for freedom; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Cinco de Mayo also serves as a reminder of the close
30 ties between the people of Mexico and the people of the United States
31 and encourages the celebration of a legacy of strong leaders and a

1 sense of vibrancy in communities; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder of the tremendous
3 contributions that Mexican-Americans have made to the economic,
4 social, religious, and artistic fabric of American life and the need
5 to provide even more opportunities for future generations to add to
6 that great legacy; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes May 5th, as
9 "Cinco de Mayo" in Jacksonville and honors the history and
10 contributions of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans to our society.
11 America's status as a vibrant and prosperous nation is due in no
12 small part to the invaluable contributions of Mexican-American
13 heritage and industry throughout our common history.

14 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
15 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
16 of this Resolution is requested in order to recognize the day, which
17 occurs next week, in a timely manner.

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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