

Introduced by Council Member Miller:

RESOLUTION 2025-296

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025
AS ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN
JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated from
a joint resolution passed by the United States House of
Representatives and Senate and signed by President Jimmy Carter on
October 5, 1978, recognizing seven days in May 1979 as "Asian/Pacific
American Heritage Week"; and

WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush signed legislation on
October 23, 1992, to designate May of each year as "Asian/Pacific
American Heritage Month"; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen as Asian/Pacific American
Heritage Month to commemorate the entrance of the first Japanese
immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the
anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad, which
was largely constructed by Chinese immigrants, on May 10, 1869; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans are an integral component of
the Jacksonville community, with over 35,000 citizens of Duval County,
including approximately 7,500 Veterans and their families, tracing
their ancestry from 40 different Asian countries and Pacific islands;
and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board will host
an event to celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month on May
19, 2025, which will include a ceremony to present Public Service and
Professional Awards to individuals and businesses who have made
valuable contributions to our city and nation; now therefore

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

2 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes the
3 invaluable contributions of those with Asian ancestry to the
4 Jacksonville community and joins with the Asian/Pacific American
5 community in its celebration of the month of May 2025 as Asian/Pacific
6 American Heritage Month in Jacksonville.

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

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11 Form Approved:

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13 _____/s/ Shannon MacGillis

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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