

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Freeman, Salem, Bowman, Diamond and Ferraro:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2019-781**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF
7 THE MAYOR'S HISPANIC AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD;
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, with the vision of the fast growing Hispanic Community
11 in Jacksonville and their countless contributions to this great
12 city, in 1998 Tomas A. Jimenez Sr. recommended the creation of the
13 Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board to Mayor John Delaney. The
14 Hispanic American Advisory Board was assembled to serve as conduit
15 between the Hispanic American community in Northeast Florida and
16 city leaders. The Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board was
17 created so Hispanic Americans could have access to dialogue with
18 local leadership, in order to promote active participation in the
19 shaping of the Jacksonville of the 21st Century; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mayor John Delaney acted upon the request from Tomas
21 A. Jimenez, Sr., and recognized that the City of Jacksonville had a
22 vibrant and rapidly growing Hispanic American community, and Mayor
23 Delaney wanted to provide a forum through which residents of
24 Hispanic descent could more actively participate in making
25 Jacksonville the best place to live in the country; and

26 **WHEREAS**, by Executive Order in June of 1998, Mayor John
27 Delaney created the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board to
28 gather information about the needs of Hispanic American residents,
29 to provide guidance to community leaders about how to best meet
30 those needs, to enhance Jacksonville's image as a global, diverse
31 and multicultural city, to develop and promote the educational

1 advancement of the city's Hispanic youth, to help develop a
2 bilingual workforce to facilitate the mobilization of foreign
3 industries to Jacksonville, to increase participation of Hispanic
4 Americans in local government, and to provide a forum for the
5 education of Hispanic American residents about city programs and
6 processes to help them advance their businesses; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1998 Mayor John Delaney appointed the following
8 members of the Jacksonville Hispanic Community to serve as liaisons
9 between Jacksonville City Government and the Hispanic Community:
10 Founding Chairman Tomas A. Jimenez, Sr., Vice Chairman Ricardo
11 Morales, Jr., Secretary Victor Cora, Treasurer Gloria Linares,
12 Wilfredo Gonzalez, Dr. Gaston Acosta Rua M.D., Dr. Norberto Benitez
13 M.D., Migdalia Figueroa J.D., and Louis Naranjo. The first meeting
14 of the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board was held in July of
15 1998 at the City Hall Annex; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
18 21st anniversary of the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board
19 and commends Founding Chairman Tomas A. Jimenez, Sr. and the
20 members of the first Board of Directors of the Mayor's Hispanic
21 American Advisory Board for their unyielding work on behalf of the
22 Hispanic community of Jacksonville. Jacksonville City Council
23 commemorates the significant past contributions from the Mayor's
24 Hispanic American Advisory Board and recognizes their valuable
25 ongoing efforts to make our city better.

26 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

/s/ Margaret M. Sidman

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