

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**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER
7 OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ON
8 THE EVENT OF THEIR 125TH 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
31 Mayport, later moved to Ft. Caroline National Memorial. In 1928 the

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

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

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

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

31 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the

1 125th anniversary of the Jacksonville Chapter of the National
2 Daughters of the American Revolution and commends the DAR members
3 for their patriotism, commitment to historical education, and
4 continuous service to our community.

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

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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