

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Pittman:
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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-447-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING ROLAND "LIL DUVAL" POWELL
7 FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENTERTAINMENT AND
8 CULTURE, AND DECLARING JUNE 12, 2025, AS "LIL
9 DUVAL DAY" IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,
10 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK AS A HOMETOWN HERO
11 WHO HAS ELEVATED THE PROFILE OF DUVAL COUNTY
12 THROUGH COMEDY, MUSIC, AND COMMUNITY
13 CAMARADERIE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS,** Roland Powell, professionally known as "Lil Duval,"
16 is a nationally recognized comedian, actor, and musician who proudly
17 hails from Jacksonville, Florida, and whose stage name is a direct
18 tribute to his home county of Duval; and

19 **WHEREAS,** after graduating from First Coast High School, Powell
20 pursued his passion for entertainment, rising through the ranks of
21 Atlanta's comedy scene to earn national acclaim, all while
22 consistently and publicly representing Jacksonville with pride; and

23 **WHEREAS,** Powell's break came in 2005 as a finalist on BET's
24 *Coming to the Stage*, and he later became a regular on MTV2's *Guy*
25 *Code*, *Hip Hop Squares*, and *Ain't That America*, while continuing to
26 perform across the country and bring laughter to millions; and

27 **WHEREAS,** his 2018 hit single "Smile (Living My Best Life)"
28 featuring Snoop Dogg and Ball Greezy became an anthem for positivity,
29 joy, and authenticity, peaking at number 56 on the Billboard Hot 100,
30 further proving his influence in both music and comedy; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Powell has appeared in music videos alongside

1 Southern hip hop royalty including T.I., Yung Joc, Wale, and Three 6
2 Mafia, and his original routines such as the "Stalker's Anthem" have
3 become cult classics in the comedy world; and

4 **WHEREAS,** through his success, Powell has never wavered in his
5 commitment to his hometown, continuously shouting out Duval County
6 in his work and personal branding, using his platform to uplift,
7 entertain, and remind the world where he's from; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the inaugural Duval Day Concert, featuring major
9 national artists and curated by Powell, further reinforces his
10 dedication to fostering cultural vibrancy, economic opportunity, and
11 local pride in Jacksonville; and

12 **WHEREAS,** it is fitting and appropriate for the City of
13 Jacksonville to formally recognize Roland "Lil Duval" Powell's
14 achievements and celebrate his contributions to culture, comedy, and
15 community with a dedicated day of honor; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
18 Roland "Lil Duval" Powell for his outstanding accomplishments in
19 entertainment and his unwavering commitment to Duval County and the
20 City of Jacksonville. The City Council hereby declares June 12, 2025,
21 as "Lil Duval Day" in the City of Jacksonville, Florida, encouraging
22 all residents to celebrate hometown pride, community unity, and
23 cultural excellence.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGillis

Office of General Counsel

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