

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Freeman, Johnson and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-283-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026
7 AS ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN
8 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated from
11 a joint resolution passed by the United States House of
12 Representatives and Senate and signed by President Jimmy Carter on
13 October 5, 1978, recognizing seven days in May 1979 as "Asian/Pacific
14 American Heritage Week"; and

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

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

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

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

29 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes the
30 invaluable contributions of those with Asian ancestry to the
31 Jacksonville community and joins with the Asian/Pacific American

1 community in its celebration of the month of May 2026 as Asian/Pacific
2 American Heritage Month in Jacksonville.

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

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

10 Office of General Counsel

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