

Introduced by Council Member Boylan:

RESOLUTION 2025-796

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF
MANDARIN UPON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY; REQUESTING
EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded in 1905, is the world's
first, and one of the largest, non-profit non-religious service
organizations in the world; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.4 million Rotary Club
members, comprised of professionals and business leaders in more than
35,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 220 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Mandarin was established on October
1, 1975; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Rotary, as set forth in its motto
"Service Above Self", is to inspire its members to provide
humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards and promote
goodwill and peace in their communities and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Mandarin has, since its inception
50 years ago, provided continued service to Mandarin, throughout
Jacksonville, and internationally through participation, recognition,
service projects and financial support to a myriad of needs, causes,
charities and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, among its annual services, the Rotary Club of Mandarin
recognizes and honors a policeman of the year; recognizes and honors
a teacher of the year at each of the Mandarin public schools;
participates in community activities including the Mandarin Arts
Festival, Mandarin food banks and Salvation Army bell ringing at

1 holidays; provides college scholarships for local students; builds
2 wheelchair ramps for indigent, elderly citizens of Jacksonville
3 (nearly 100 in recent years); provides meals for families of active
4 duty military service members; created and conducts the Run to Feed
5 the Hungry to raise funds for the Mandarin food bank and Daily Bread
6 food pantry; as well as having financially supported dozens of local
7 charities and international causes including Polio Plus (to eradicate
8 Polio) and an orphanage in Costa Rica; and

9 **WHEREAS**, by and through its service over the last 50 years of
10 its existence, the Rotary Club of Mandarin has made a positive,
11 meaningful and lasting impact on countless individuals and
12 organizations in Jacksonville and around the world; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors the Rotary Club
15 of Mandarin upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The Council
16 encourages all Jacksonville residents to join in recognizing the
17 contributions and service of the Rotary Club of Mandarin.

18 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
19 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
20 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
21 emergency is to have the honor bestowed upon this organization before
22 their last meeting of the month which occurs the morning of October
23 28, 2025.

24 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
26 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Shannon MacGuillis

4 Office of General Counsel

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