

1 Introduced by Council Members Becton and Diamond and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Morgan, Bowman, Priestly Jackson, DeFoor, Cumber,
3 Gaffney & Pittman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-179-A**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 3 - 9, 2022 AS
8 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
9 DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, today's libraries are not only about what they have on
12 the shelves but also about what they can do with and for the community;
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14 **WHEREAS**, libraries play a critical role in the happiness of
15 Americans as communities that spend more on libraries, parks and
16 highways are shown to support the well-being of community members;
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18 **WHEREAS**, a growing body of evidence suggests that students'
19 academic success is linked to library usage, including improved
20 student retention and an enhanced academic experience; and

21 **WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians have long championed their
22 community members' right to access information privately, and serve
23 as an essential refuge where everyone can check out materials or
24 browse the internet without their information being shared; and

25 **WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians help citizens find tools to
26 help improve the quality of their life; and

27 **WHEREAS**, libraries, which promote the free exchange of
28 information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

29 **WHEREAS**, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and
30 collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and

1 **WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians work to create an equitable
2 society by providing free access to accurate information to all
3 people; and

4 **WHEREAS**, libraries are a resource for all members of the
5 community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual
6 orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering
7 services and educational programming that transform lives and
8 strengthen communities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters
10 across America are celebrating National Library Week, now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes
13 National Library Week, April 3-9, 2022. During this time, we encourage
14 all residents to visit the library, a place where all can belong and
15 discover who we are. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

16 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

24 Office of General Counsel

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