

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-380**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING JUNE 12,
6 2023, AS THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE
7 INDEPENDENCE DAY; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
8 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 1898, General Emilio Aguinaldo publicly
11 read the Act of Declaration of Independence proclaiming the
12 sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from the
13 colonial rule of Spain; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2023, the Filipino American community
15 will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, in
16 recognition of the establishment of the Philippine Republic by the
17 Revolutionary Government; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Philippine Independence Day is a special public
19 holiday throughout the Philippines in celebration of freedom, liberty
20 and independence, inherent rights of all people; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have served with distinction as
22 members of the Armed Forces for over a century and sacrificed their
23 lives in many wars. The first wave of Filipino immigrants to
24 Jacksonville began in the 1940's as a result of the enlistment of
25 Filipinos in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville is now home to more than
27 25,000 residents of Filipino descent, representing the largest
28 Filipino population in the state of Florida. Philippine Independence
29 Day is an opportunity to recognize Jacksonville's Filipino Americans
30 and appreciate their cultural, economic, and political heritage; now
31 therefore

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

2 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
3 celebrates the 125th anniversary of Philippine Independence Day on
4 June 12, 2023. The Jacksonville City Council celebrates the multitude
5 of contributions that Filipino Americans have made to enrich the
6 culture of our city, state and nation.

7 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
8 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
9 of this Resolution is requested in order to recognize Philippine
10 Independence Day in a timely manner.

11 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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