

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-336**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 5TH AS "CINCO DE
6 MAYO" AND HONORING THE HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS
7 OF MEXICAN-AMERICANS TO OUR SOCIETY; REQUESTING
8 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
9 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, May 5th, or ``Cinco de Mayo'' in Spanish, is celebrated
12 each year as a date of importance by Mexican and Mexican-American
13 communities in commemoration of the date in 1862 on which the Mexican
14 Army defeated the French at the Battle of Puebla, one of the many
15 battles that the Mexican people won in their long and brave fight for
16 independence, freedom, and democracy; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the victory of Mexico over France at Puebla represented
18 a historic triumph for the Mexican government during the Franco-
19 Mexican war fought between 1861 and 1867 and bolstered the resistance
20 movement, reinvigorating the spirits of the Mexican people and
21 providing a renewed sense of unity and strength through a victory
22 over a major European power; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder that the foundation
24 of the United States was built by people from many countries and
25 diverse cultures who were willing to fight and die for freedom; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Cinco de Mayo also serves as a reminder of the close
27 ties between the people of Mexico and the people of the United States
28 and encourages the celebration of a legacy of strong leaders and a
29 sense of vibrancy in communities; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder of the tremendous
31 contributions that Mexican-Americans have made to the economic,

1 social, religious, and artistic fabric of American life and the need
2 to provide even more opportunities for future generations to add to
3 that great legacy; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes May 5th, as
6 "Cinco de Mayo" in Jacksonville and honors the history and
7 contributions of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans to our society.
8 America's status as a vibrant and prosperous nation is due in no
9 small part to the invaluable contributions of Mexican-American
10 heritage and industry throughout our common history.

11 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
12 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
13 of this Resolution is requested in order to recognize the day, which
14 occurs next week, in a timely manner.

15 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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