

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-283**

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

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

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

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

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

28 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes the  
29 invaluable contributions of those with Asian ancestry to the  
30 Jacksonville community and joins with the Asian/Pacific American  
31 community in its celebration of the month of May 2026 as Asian/Pacific

1 American Heritage Month in Jacksonville.

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

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

9 Office of General Counsel

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