

1 Introduced by Council President Salem and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members, Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico,
3 Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland, Johnson,
4 Lahnen, Miller, Peluso, Pittman and White and amended on the Floor
5 of Council:
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8 **RESOLUTION 2024-393-A**

9 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY'S
10 APPLICATION TO HOST THE FLORIDA MUSEUM OF BLACK
11 HISTORY; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
12 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, St. Johns County, recognizing the historical
15 significance and cultural heritage of the African American experience
16 in Northeast Florida, has proposed to host the Florida Museum of
17 Black History; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the proposed location in St. Johns County,
19 specifically near the historic site of the City of St. Augustine, is
20 the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the United
21 States and possesses a rich narrative of African American history;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, St. Johns County has demonstrated through detailed
24 planning and extensive community support, as outlined in their
25 proposal, the appropriateness of this location for the museum, which
26 will serve as a central hub for cultural education and tourism in
27 Florida and the Southeastern United States; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Florida Museum of Black
29 History in St. Johns County is expected to enhance regional economic
30 development, boost tourism, and provide educational resources through
31 the promotion of historical and cultural heritage; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the proposed museum location benefits from strong
2 transportation infrastructure, including proximity to major highways
3 and airports, ensuring accessibility for visitors both regional and
4 national; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the proposal has garnered widespread support from
6 educational institutions, local governments, and community
7 organizations, affirming the collaborative spirit and commitment of
8 the region to honor and explore African American history and
9 contributions; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby supports St. Johns
12 County's application to host the Florida Museum of Black History,
13 recognizing the educational, economic, and cultural benefits of this
14 proposal. The Council further directs the Chief of the Legislative
15 Services Division to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the
16 Chair of the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force, the Governor,
17 the President and Minority Leader of the Florida Senate, and the
18 Speaker and Minority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives
19 to express the unified support of Jacksonville in this significant
20 cultural initiative.

21 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
22 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
23 is requested in order to transmit this resolution for consideration
24 by the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force at its next meeting
25 on May 21, 2024.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Eamon Webb, City Council Research

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