

1 Introduced by Council Members Freeman, Salem, Diamond, Priestly
2 Jackson, Morgan, Gaffney, Carlucci, Bowman, Pittman, Howland,
3 Carrico, and Becton:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-294**

7 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS
8 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN JACKSONVILLE;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, the City has demonstrated a commitment to mental health
12 as a critical part of overall wellness; and

13 **WHEREAS**, one out of every 4 Americans and one out of every 6
14 children experience a mental health disorder; and

15 **WHEREAS**, less than 40% of those impacted by a mental health
16 disorder receive the treatment necessary for a positive treatment
17 outcome due to limited or no knowledge of the signs and symptoms,
18 barriers to care, uncertainty, fear or shame; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has previously approved a three year
20 long mental health awareness campaign with Hearts 4 Minds Inc. to
21 help break the stigma of mental illness, raise awareness about the
22 importance of mental health and connect those that need to those that
23 provide; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City will continue to take opportunities to raise
25 awareness; and

26 **WHEREAS**, May has been designated National Mental Health
27 Awareness Month in the United States since 1949 by the Mental Health
28 America Organization; and

29 **WHEREAS**, a focus on prevention and early intervention efforts
30 associated with awareness could greatly reduce the number of adults
31 and children experiencing a serious mental health condition; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that time should be set apart each
2 year for the direction of our thoughts toward our mental health and
3 well-being; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby declares the
6 month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Jacksonville and
7 urges all citizens to join the local movement to raise awareness
8 about mental health. Citizens are urged to join the fight against
9 stigma associated with mental illness and to take advantage of
10 resources and opportunities available to them to become more aware
11 of the importance of mental health and well-being to a persons over
12 health and success. The City supports innovative approaches to
13 raising awareness, education, improving systems of care and
14 advocating for policies that support people with mental illness and
15 their families.

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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22 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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