

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-296**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING SAN
6 MARCO BOOKS AND MORE ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
7 THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY; DECLARING APRIL 30,
8 2022 AS "INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY" IN
9 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, in 1972, John and Laura Blauer and their son Mike opened
12 the San Marco Bookstore in historic San Marco Square as a used
13 bookstore, which they operated successfully for 27 years; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, Janet and Mike Molyneaux purchased the store,
15 made physical renovations and refined and expanded the bookstore's
16 offerings to better meet the desires of its clientele, adding new
17 books to the inventory and developing outstanding collections of
18 children's books, classic literature, and Jacksonville and Florida
19 history volumes, along with puzzles, games, and other unique literary
20 merchandise; and

21 **WHEREAS**, San Marco Books and More is a classic family-owned
22 business now operated by three generations of the Molyneaux family -
23 Janet and Mike, their daughter Desiree Bailey, and her children Colin
24 and Kate. The store is an anchor in San Marco Square, and is deeply
25 committed to supporting other Jacksonville institutions such as the
26 Jacksonville Symphony, the Museum of Science and History, the
27 Jacksonville Public Library, and the San Marco Merchants Association
28 through literary partnerships and special events; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the bookstore is constantly changing with the times to
30 better meet customer needs, including hosting book clubs in the store;
31 facilitating author talks and book signings on a weekly basis; and

1 developing a full-service website that served patron needs during the
2 COVID-19 pandemic and remains a great asset to online visitors; and

3 **WHEREAS**, independent bookstores are a vital resource in any
4 community, providing a home for intellectual discourse, the exchange
5 of ideas, debate on issues, the promotion of literacy, and encouraging
6 a love of reading in people of all ages. San Marco Books and More is
7 a shining example among independent bookstores as a fundamental
8 community resource and has faithfully served the needs of the
9 Jacksonville community since 1972; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and congratulates
12 San Marco Books and More on 50 years of outstanding service to its
13 customers and to the citizens of Jacksonville. It extends the City's
14 best wishes for future success to the Molyneaux and Bailey families
15 and thanks them for being cornerstones of the San Marco community and
16 the city at large.

17 **Section 2.** The City Council also hereby declares Saturday,
18 April 30, 2022 as "Independent Bookstore Day" in Jacksonville and
19 encourages citizens to patronize independent bookstores on that and
20 continually in support of the vital role they play in community life.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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