Introduced by Council Members Diamond, Becton, and Carlucci:

RESOLUTION 2022-624

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH IN JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians play a crucial role in the education and development of children; and

WHEREAS, librarians are literacy experts, offering everything from preschool story hours to summer reading clubs that sustain school-year learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide a learning environment that fosters joyful exploration, encouraging students to research subjects that they are genuinely curious about; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians create welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all backgrounds to learn together and engage with one another; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians provide a variety of books and resources to serve everyone in the community, making knowledge and ideas available so that people have the freedom to choose what to read; and

WHEREAS, a library card empowers all people to pursue their dreams, explore new passions and interests, and find their voice; and

WHEREAS, libraries are constantly transforming to deliver new services that connect more closely with community needs, even during a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby declares September 2022 as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Jacksonville and encourages all residents to sign up for their own library cards in order to utilize and fully enjoy the wide range of resources available to every citizen from their local library.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

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