

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-268**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE 100TH
6 ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUTING IN NORTHEAST
7 FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8,
10 1910, under the laws of the District of Columbia by William D. Boyce,
11 after he learned of the Scouting movement during a visit to London,
12 and on June 21, 1910, thirty-four national representatives of various
13 boys' work agencies met to establish the organization; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on February 17, 1911, 14 local boys founded the first
15 Boy Scout troop in Jacksonville, which would grow over the course of
16 a decade to 10 troops, 200 participants, and a local governing body
17 - the Jacksonville Council - later renamed the North Florida Council;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, Boy Scouts of America has grown into one of the largest
20 youth organizations in America, with about 110 million participants
21 over the course of its first century, and prior to the COVID pandemic
22 the North Florida Council had 13,000 active members in its 17-county
23 region; and

24 **WHEREAS**, since its inception, Boy Scouts of America has
25 endeavored to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices
26 over their lifetimes by instilling in them the important values of
27 the Scout Oath, including duty to God and country, helping others at
28 all times, and keeping physically strong, mentally awake, and morally
29 straight, and the Scout Law is that a Scout is trustworthy, loyal,
30 helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,
31 brave, clean, and reverent; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the North Florida Council eagerly anticipates a return
2 to normalcy in the post-COVID era, nurturing strong values of service,
3 independence, honesty, and teamwork for another century; now
4 therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
7 the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting in Northeast Florida, and extends
8 its congratulations and best wishes to the North Florida Council of
9 the Boy Scouts of America for this outstanding accomplishment. The
10 Council congratulates the scouts, their leaders, and the Chapter on
11 the good work they do every day in living up to the ideals of Scouting.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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