

RESOLUTION
NO. 2019-09

A RESOLUTION
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA HONORING
GENERAL DANIEL “CHAPPIE” JAMES, JR., USAF
AND DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 11 AS GENERAL
DANIEL “CHAPPIE” JAMES, JR. DAY

WHEREAS, General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. was born in Pensacola, Florida on February 11, 1920; and

WHEREAS, as a young African American male growing up in Pensacola, the Cradle of Naval Aviation, he dreamed of one day flying and was encouraged by his mother, Lillie A. James to never give up on his dream; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from Booker T. Washington High School, General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. attended Tuskegee Institute where he joined the Army Air Corps and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the famed Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American pilots of the U. S. Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished military career, General Daniel “Chappie” James flew 101 combat missions in the Korean Conflict, 78 combat missions over North Vietnam as a fighter pilot, and became the first African-American four-star General in the United States Air Force; he never gave up his fight for equal rights and instilled in many young pilots patriotism, strong work ethics, and a desire of achievement through hard work and self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. brought honor and recognition to his native City of Pensacola by his contributions to our national defense, his steadfast love for his country and his dedicated military leadership; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Pensacola does hereby honor General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr., USAF, for his distinguished, dedicated military career and selfless service to our Nation.

SECTION 2. That the City Council designates the 11th day of February as

GENERAL DANIEL “CHAPPIE” JAMES DAY

in the City of Pensacola and urge all citizens of the City of Pensacola to recognize and honor him on this special day.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk