

1 Introduced by Council Members Lahnen, Johnson, Salem, J. Carlucci,
2 Carlucci, Amaro, Howland, Peluso, Arias, Freeman and Carrico and Co-
3 Sponsored by Council Members Miller and White:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-45-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING DR. MOEZ
8 LIMAYEM FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS PRESIDENT
9 OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA AND EXTENDING
10 BEST WISHES AS HE ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
11 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, since 2022, Dr. Moez Limayem has served with distinction
15 as the seventh President of the University of North Florida (UNF),
16 during which time he led the institution through an era of
17 unprecedented growth, innovation, and community engagement; and

18 **WHEREAS**, under Dr. Limayem's leadership, UNF has achieved its
19 highest overall enrollment of approximately 17,600 students, the
20 largest in the institution's history since its founding in 1972,
21 while elevating its academic profile, expanding research
22 opportunities, and deepening its civic partnerships; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Limayem's forward-looking vision for UNF has
24 resulted in transformational campus expansion projects that will
25 serve generations of Ospreys to come, including the development of
26 new student housing, groundbreaking for the Coggin College of Business
27 addition, and a \$40 million student services and academic building;
28 and

29 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Limayem's approach to leadership has been both
30 inclusive and innovative, connecting Jacksonville's educational,
31 business, and nonprofit communities around a shared purpose of

1 progress, equity, and opportunity; and

2 **WHEREAS**, prior to his presidency at UNF, Dr. Limayem served a
3 decade as Dean of the University of South Florida's Muma College of
4 Business, where his leadership strengthened academic excellence and
5 institutional reputation, paving the way for his current selection
6 as the sole finalist to become the next President of the University
7 of South Florida; and

8 **WHEREAS**, during his time in Jacksonville, Dr. Limayem embodied
9 the qualities of a transformational leader, one who builds bridges,
10 listens with intention, acts with integrity, and inspires both
11 students and colleagues to pursue excellence with passion; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville recognizes the extraordinary
13 contributions of Dr. Limayem in advancing the University of North
14 Florida as a pillar of academic innovation, civic partnership, and
15 regional growth, and wishes to celebrate his achievements as he
16 transitions to this new role; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends Dr.
19 Moez Limayem for his outstanding leadership and service to the
20 University of North Florida and to the City of Jacksonville and
21 expresses deep appreciation for his contributions to higher
22 education, economic development, and community progress. The Council
23 extends its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Limayem
24 as he assumes the presidency of the University of South Florida,
25 confident that his vision, experience, and commitment to excellence
26 will elevate the University of South Florida and further strengthen
27 the State of Florida's higher education system.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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