

1 Introduced by Council Members Amaro, Gay, Johnson, Freeman, Lahnen,
2 Salem, Pittman, Peluso, Miller, Howland, Arias, Gaffney, Jr. and
3 Carrico and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Diamond:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-787-A**

7 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TEN-YEAR
8 ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF THE EL FARO
9 CONTAINER SHIP, HONORING THE LIVES LOST AND THE
10 ENDURING IMPACT ON THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2015, the American cargo ship, SS *El*
14 *Faro*, sank in the Atlantic Ocean near the Bahamas during Hurricane
15 Joaquin, resulting in the tragic loss of all 33 crew members aboard,
16 including 28 Americans and 5 people of Polish Descent; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the *El Faro* had departed from Jacksonville on a voyage
18 to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and was operated by TOTE Maritime, a company
19 based in Jacksonville, making the tragedy especially poignant to the
20 Jacksonville community, including the families, friends, and
21 colleagues of those lost; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the sinking of the *El Faro* led to a comprehensive
23 investigation by the United States Coast Guard and the National
24 Transportation Safety Board, resulting in critical safety
25 recommendations that have since improved maritime practices, vessel
26 operations, and weather forecasting protocol; and

27 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, the City Council of Jacksonville renamed Dames
28 Point Park to the El Faro Memorial at Dames Point Park, which remains
29 a place of remembrance and reflection for the families, maritime
30 workers, and the public; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Jacksonville recognizes the

1 ten-year anniversary of this tragedy as an opportunity to honor the
2 memory of those who perished, to support the families and loved ones
3 left behind, and to reaffirm the City's commitment to maritime safety
4 and community resilience; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commemorates the ten-
7 year anniversary of the sinking of the *El Faro* on October 1, 2015,
8 and honors the memory of the 33 crew members who lost their lives in
9 the line of duty. The City Council extends its deepest condolences
10 to the families, friends, and colleagues of the victims and expresses
11 profound appreciation for maritime workers for their service in the
12 face of great risk to their lives.

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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