

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Gaffney, Becton, Howland, Morgan, Dennis & Diamond:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-379-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RIVER CITY  
7 WRESTLING CON ON THEIR EVENT ON JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
8 AND 12<sup>TH</sup> AT THE JACKSONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS  
9 EXPO CENTER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, River City Wrestling Con was started by Nick Bateh four  
12 years ago on the Florida State College of Jacksonville North Campus  
13 and from its inception they have continued to grow; and

14 **WHEREAS**, River City Wrestling Con returns to Jacksonville for  
15 its third annual weekend of larger-than-life family fun. Featuring  
16 countless stars and legends like Bret "Hit Man" Hart, The Hardy Boyz,  
17 Booker T, Diamond Dallas Page, and "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan, River City  
18 Wrestling Con is the only place in Florida where performers from the  
19 past and present meet to sign autographs, take photos, host live Q&A  
20 panels, play video games, and a live wrestling showcase both days;  
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, River City Wrestling Con is Northeast Florida's first  
23 professional wrestling fan convention and will bring together fans  
24 from around the country to celebrate the history and future of  
25 wrestling. River City Wrestling Con is expected to draw approximately  
26 7,000 wrestling fans to the Jacksonville area; and

27 **WHEREAS**, professional wrestling is a massive part of  
28 Jacksonville's cultural history. Throughout the 70s and 80s, the  
29 former Jacksonville Coliseum featured NWA events, promoted by Don  
30 Curtis, every Thursday night. Jacksonville remains a staple on  
31 nationwide pro wrestling tours with Jacksonville being a favorite

1 among many pro wrestlers; now therefore

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

3 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby congratulates  
4 River City Wrestling Con on their event from June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the  
5 Jacksonville Fairgrounds Expo Center.

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

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10 Form Approved:

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/s/ Paige H. Johnston

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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