

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Howland, Miller, Peluso,
2 Carlucci, Amaro, Gay, Pittman, and Arias:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-563**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CHANGE OF COMMAND
7 AT NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE (NAS JAX),
8 HONORING CAPT. GREGORY DEWINDT ON HIS RELIEVED
9 COMMAND, AND WELCOMING CAPT. RYAN DEXTER TO HIS
10 NEW ROLE, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE VITAL DUTIES OF
11 A BASE COMMANDER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS,** a change of command marks the peaceful transfer of
14 authority from one Commanding Officer to another, and is a time-
15 honored naval tradition that ensures leadership continuity,
16 operational readiness, and mission effectiveness; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the base commander serves as the senior officer in
18 charge of all operations and personnel on base, providing leadership,
19 overseeing safety and infrastructure, coordinating with local and
20 federal partners, and ensuring mission success and community
21 engagement; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX) is one of
23 the U.S. Navy's premier installations, supporting the fleet and
24 playing a critical role in the defense infrastructure of the
25 southeastern United States; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Captain Gregory DeWindt, a native of Long Island, New
27 York, enlisted in the United States Navy in 1991, earned his
28 commission as an ensign in 1996, became a naval aviator in 1998, and
29 has served in multiple operational and command tours, and in February
30 2024, assumed command of NAS JAX as its 52nd Commanding Officer; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Captain Ryan Dexter, a native of Randolph, New York,

1 graduated from Roberts Wesleyan College in 1995 with a Bachelor of
2 Science in Biology, earned his naval aviator wings in 2001, and
3 completed initial helicopter training in 2002, who currently serves
4 as the Executive Officer of NAS JAX, will relieve Capt. DeWindt in
5 command effective August 14, 2025; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Capt.
8 Gregory DeWindt for his leadership and dedication as commanding
9 officer of NAS JAX, and thanks him for his service to the Fleet and
10 the community, and congratulates Capt. Ryan Dexter on his upcoming
11 assumption of command, and welcomes him in advance to his new role,
12 expressing confidence in his leadership and commitment to NAS
13 Jacksonville's mission.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ S MacGillis

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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