

1 Introduced by Council Members Ferraro, Salem, Carrico, Howland,
2 Diamond, Gaffney, Pittman, DeFoor, White, Carlucci, Boylan and
3 Freeman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-782**

7 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MEMBERS OF THE
8 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR
9 THEIR HEROIC RESCUE EFFORTS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
10 IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IAN; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, Hurricane Ian was a destructive storm that caused
14 widespread damage across western Cuba and the southeast United States.
15 On September 28th the fierce hurricane made landfall in southwest
16 Florida as a category 4 storm, with winds over 150 miles per hour and
17 catastrophic damage from extreme storm surge and rainfall; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Hurricane Ian tragically took the lives of more than
19 one hundred residents, annihilated homes, roadways and bridges, left
20 hundreds of thousands without electricity, and stranded many people
21 in their neighborhoods or on their rooftops when roads were rendered
22 impassable; and

23 **WHEREAS**, numerous first responders mobilized to help those who
24 faced the brunt of the storm, including Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
25 officers and employees who went to assist and coordinate with the
26 search and rescue crews in some of the hardest-hit communities; and

27 **WHEREAS**, thousands of people have been saved from the rubble in
28 the days since the hurricane, and rescue crews are still hard at work
29 in the aftermath of the storm under dire conditions including flooded
30 roadways, crumbled bridges, and a lack of water, food and electricity;
31 now therefore

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

2 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the
3 officers and employees from the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
4 Department for their heroic rescue endeavors in the aftermath of
5 Hurricane Ian in Southwest Florida. Jacksonville City Council extends
6 appreciation to all the parties involved in the recovery activities
7 following this disastrous storm, and expresses condolences to all of
8 those experiencing loss from this dreadful hurricane.

9 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ Paige Johnston

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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