

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Clark-Murray, Newby, Priestly Jackson, Boylan, Becton, and  
3 Morgan:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2023-98-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
8 M.A.D. D.A.D.S.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, M.A.D. D.A.D.S., Men Against Destruction-Defending  
11 Against Drugs and Social-disorder, is devoted to strengthening the  
12 family unit, reestablishing a sense of community, and rebuilding  
13 self-esteem through instruction in life skills, street mentoring  
14 patrols and community days aimed at inspiring young people to take a  
15 pledge to be drug- and violence-free; and

16 **WHEREAS**, founded in 2003, the Jacksonville M.A.D. D.A.D.S.  
17 Chapter has grown to be vital to our city and to the effort to restore  
18 peace and justice; and

19 **WHEREAS**, M.A.D. D.A.D.S. includes SANKOFA Life Skills Training  
20 which is designed to teach conflict resolution skills and build strong  
21 values and principles, the Street Mentoring Patrol Program which is  
22 the signature component of the national program where volunteers walk  
23 city streets to identify unsupervised youth and draw them into program  
24 activities, and the "I took the pledge day" created to reduce drug  
25 usage and gun violence among Jacksonville school-aged youth; and

26 **WHEREAS**, this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of service of M.A.D. D.A.D.S. and  
27 their dedication to the intervention and prevention of community  
28 problems in Jacksonville; now therefore

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

30 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends M.A.D.  
31 D.A.D.S. for all they do to improve lives in our community and make

1 our streets safer. The Jacksonville City Council congratulates M.A.D.  
2 D.A.D.S. upon their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and extends appreciation for  
3 their commitment to providing effective intervention programs for at-  
4 risk youth across Jacksonville.

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

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9 Form Approved:

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11  /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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