

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-232-D**

5 A RESOLUTION STATING THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL TO
6 REMOVE STATUARY AND MONUMENTS GLORIFYING THE
7 CONFEDERACY FROM PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC PARK
8 SPACES AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR, THE CITY
9 ADMINISTRATION, AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO PRODUCE
10 AND PRESENT A REVISED PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR SUCH
11 REMOVAL WITH APPROPRIATIONS NOT TO EXCEED
12 \$500,000 FOR SUCH REMOVAL; PROVIDING AN
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, statuary and monuments erected post-Civil War that
16 express glorification of the Confederacy and its causes, or were
17 erected during the Jim Crow era, have become objects of divisiveness
18 in Jacksonville and will be subject to removal from public property
19 and public park spaces; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Council values the wellbeing, security, freedom,
21 and equality of all Jacksonville citizens and will assess the
22 appropriateness of commemorative monuments and statuary located on
23 public property and in public park spaces; and

24 **WHEREAS**, when a surrounding structure enclosing such statuary,
25 or a platform upon which such monuments stand, renders a complete
26 removal cost-prohibitive by exerting a financial burden greater than
27 \$500,000 upon the City budget, it is the Council's intent to
28 appropriate up to a total of \$500,000 in the upcoming budget to fund
29 the complete removal of all such monuments and statuary, if necessary;
30 and

31 **WHEREAS**, to help offset any funding gaps that may result if

1 removal costs exceed \$500,000, the Council hereby requests that the
2 Mayor and City Administration also consider alternative funding
3 options to cover any costs beyond the \$500,000 cap in City dollars;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Council strongly recommends that any relocation of
6 such monuments and/or statuary, whether as a whole or in part, include
7 consideration of a designated museum environment for the items that
8 reflects a concerted effort to recontextualize the items by the
9 inclusion of educational components concerning U.S. history; and

10 **WHEREAS**, for the purpose of this resolution, a cemetery or burial
11 ground existing on public land shall not be considered "public
12 property" or "public park space" and thereby does not require
13 assessment by the Council and does not necessitate the removal of
14 existing statuary or monuments herein described; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Council adopted its annual strategic plan on
16 January 25, 2022, via Resolution 2021-0893, which states in Section
17 1 the Council's desire to "Facilitate a community conversation to
18 develop a roadmap for removal, relocation, remaining, renaming, etc.
19 of all Confederate monuments/markers on city property", and that "The
20 plan should be completed by July 2022 to facilitate inclusion of
21 funding in the FY 2022/23 annual budget"; now therefore

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

23 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its
24 determination to move Jacksonville forward by considering the adverse
25 impact of such statuary and/or monuments upon our citizens and, in
26 an effort to seek unity across our city, hereby requests that the
27 Mayor, the City Administration, and the City Council produce a revised
28 plan and timeline to remove such statuary and/or monuments from
29 Jacksonville's public property and public park spaces.

30 **Section 2.** Recognizing that the removal of these statuary
31 and/or monuments may incur substantial costs in some instances, the

1 Council hereby expresses its commitment to appropriate up to \$500,000
2 to remove these monuments and allow consideration of alternative
3 funding options to cover any costs beyond the \$500,000 cap in City
4 dollars to help offset the costs of removal.

5 **Section 3.** Any plans made to carry out the intent expressed
6 herein should be completed and presented to the Council on or before
7 July 26, 2022, to facilitate inclusion of funding in the FY 2022/23
8 annual budget per Council Resolution 2021-0893.

9 **Section 4. 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/ Jason R. Teal

16 Office of General Counsel

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