

1 Introduced by Council Members Howland, Gay, Freeman, Amaro, Carrico,
2 Miller, Gaffney, Jr., Arias and Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council
3 Members White, Johnson, J. Carlucci, Diamond and Salem:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-155-A**

7 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FIRST COAST CRIME
8 STOPPERS, INC. AS DUVAL COUNTY'S AGENT SOLELY
9 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR, RECEIVING, AND
10 EXPENDING MONEY FROM THE FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS
11 TRUST FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 16.555, *FLORIDA*
12 *STATUTES*, AND RULE 2A-9.002, *FLORIDA*
13 *ADMINISTRATIVE CODE*, FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS
14 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029;
15 DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO
16 SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE ATTORNEY
17 GENERAL'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS,
18 AND TO FIRST COAST CRIME STOPPERS, INC. UPON ITS
19 ADOPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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21 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 16.555,
22 *Florida Statutes*, has established a Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Attorney General's Office, Department of Legal
24 Affairs (the "Department"), is authorized by the State of Florida to
25 apply for state and federal grants which meet the purposes of
26 advancing Crime Stoppers in the State of Florida and to deposit all
27 such grant funds received in the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; and

28 **WHEREAS**, funds deposited in the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund are
29 disbursed to units of local government upon application to the
30 Department for funding assistance in accordance with Section 16.555
31 (5)(a), *Florida Statutes*; and

1 **WHEREAS**, additionally, proceeds from court costs imposed
2 pursuant to Section 938.06, *Florida Statutes*, shall be deposited into
3 a separate account within the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund to be used
4 in the judicial circuit in which they were collected, as outlined in
5 Section 16.555(5) (b), *Florida Statutes*; and

6 **WHEREAS**, any county may apply to the Department for a grant
7 from the funds collected in the judicial circuit in which the County
8 is located, however a grant may be awarded only to counties which are
9 served by an official member of the Florida Association of Crime
10 Stoppers, and may only be used to support Crime Stoppers and their
11 programs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, only one official member of the Florida Association of
13 Crime Stoppers shall be eligible for support within any county; and

14 **WHEREAS**, First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. is the one and only
15 official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers in the
16 Fourth Judicial Circuit serving Duval, Nassau, Baker, Bradford, Clay
17 and Union Counties; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that designating First Coast
19 Crime Stoppers, Inc. as the agent for Duval County for the purposes
20 described herein to be a just and proper action to take; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1. Designating First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. as**
23 **Duval County's Agent.** Duval County hereby designates First Coast
24 Crime Stoppers, Inc. as authorized agent for Duval County solely for
25 the purpose of applying for, receiving, and expending funds from the
26 Florida Crime Stoppers Trust Fund pursuant to Section 16.555(5) (b),
27 *Florida Statutes*, and Rule 2A-9.002(2), *Florida Administrative Code*,
28 for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30,
29 2029.

30 **Section 2. Directive to the Legislative Services Division.**
31 The City Council Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to

1 provide a copy of this Resolution to the Attorney General's Office,
2 Department of Legal Affairs, and First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc.
3 upon its adoption.

4 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
5 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
6 without the Mayor's signature.

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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