

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Morgan, Diamond, Newby, Priestly Jackson, Ferraro,
3 Howland & Becton:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-520-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE
8 EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL TEAM ON BEING
9 NAMED THE HBCU NAIA DIVISION NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
10 BY BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Edward Waters University Lady Tigers softball team
14 had an outstanding season in 2022, finishing the year with a record
15 of 32-11, building on the success of a 19-11 record in 2021; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Lady Tigers team was an offensive juggernaut,
17 featuring 8 players with a batting average over .300, including two
18 players over .400, producing a team batting average of .320 for the
19 season; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the team's pitching was equally effective, with the
21 staff producing a team earned run average of just over 3.0 per game;
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23 **WHEREAS**, following the completion of the season, the Black
24 College Sports Network's final ranking of the season placed the Lady
25 Tigers first in the NAIA Division of Historically Black College and
26 University (HBCU) teams, making them the HBCU national champions in
27 EWU's last season in NAIA before transitioning to Division II next
28 season; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in a remarkable achievement, both the Edward Waters
30 University softball and baseball teams earned the HBCU national
31 champion titles in 2022; now therefore

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

2 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and congratulates
3 the Edward Waters University Tigers softball team on being named the
4 NAIA Division National Champions of HBCU baseball by the Black College
5 Sports Network. The Council congratulates Head Coach Brian Daley and
6 assistant coaches Mike Ellison, Don Hughes, Billy Rogers and Joe
7 Houde, the Tigers players, Athletic Director Dr. Paul Bryant,
8 university President Dr. A. Zachary Faison, Jr., and the students,
9 faculty, staff, and fans of Edward Waters University on this
10 tremendous achievement and extends its best wishes for continued
11 success at the NCAA Division II level.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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