

Introduced by Council Member Johnson:

RESOLUTION 2025-348

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE DUVAL COUNTY CHAPTER
OF THE CHARMETTES, INCORPORATED, UPON THE
OCCASION OF THEIR 55TH ANNIVERSARY, AND
COMMENDING THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jacksonville, Florida, recognizes
those organizations whose work has radiated light throughout our
communities, and whose legacy is both deep-rooted and forward-
reaching; and

WHEREAS, the Charmettes, Incorporated, a national nonprofit
sisterhood of African American women of vision and valor, dedicated
to enhancing quality of life within communities served by chapters
and on a national level, serves as a beacon of progress, anchored in
the belief that access to quality healthcare, education, and a stress-
free environment is not a privilege but a right for all; and

WHEREAS, in June 2024, the Charmettes, Incorporated, achieved
a historic milestone by contributing \$1,000,000 to the Howard
University Cancer Center, affirming their generational promise to
support scientific research, eradicate cancer, and save lives,
particularly within underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, this year the Duval County Chapter of the Charmettes,
Incorporated, commemorates fifty-five years of sisterhood, service,
and sustained commitment to social uplift and health equity, having
been founded on February 14, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Duval County Charmettes' local impact, advocating

1 for health, education, and equity, through relentless outreach and
2 service mirrors the sisterhood's national commitment; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the Duval County Charmettes' community engagement
4 includes caring for our elderly by preparing a home cooked meal for
5 the residents of Morris Manor at Thanksgiving, supporting the
6 eradication of cancer through their contribution to Howard University
7 Cancer Research Center during their annual 100 Women In Pink event,
8 donating critical items to Hubbard House to support victims of
9 domestic violence and their families, participating in an annual
10 holiday toy drive and giveaway, and organizing back-to-school
11 giveaways to provide school supplies and personal hygiene essentials
12 to students in need; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the ladies of the Duval County Charmettes have proven
14 that when compassion meets organization and commitment meets action,
15 transformation becomes inevitable; and

16 **WHEREAS,** the Charmettes' unwavering dedication reflects the
17 best of civic virtue in tireless service to the community and
18 compassion for all; now therefore

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

20 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends the
21 Duval County Chapter of the Charmettes, Incorporated, upon their 55th
22 Anniversary, and for their decades of transformative service to the
23 Jacksonville community and the greater First Coast region. The City
24 Council celebrates the historic \$1,000,000 national contribution by
25 the Charmettes, Inc., to the Howard University Cancer Center, an
26 extraordinary act of advocacy and legacy-building. The City Council
27 further expresses its appreciation for the Duval County Charmettes'
28 tangible contributions to local residents through outreach efforts
29 with Hubbard House, school supply distributions, and holiday charity
30 work that continue to inspire and empower lives.

31 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

7 Office of General Counsel

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