

1 Introduced by Council President Hazouri:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-92**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE
6 NORTHEAST FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED
7 CROSS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 107TH ANNIVERSARY
8 OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY DURING NATIONAL RED
9 CROSS MONTH IN MARCH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization
13 founded in 1881 and originally chartered by Congress as a federal
14 instrumentality in 1900, but receives no federal funding. American
15 Red Cross disaster assistance is free, and 90 cents of every dollar
16 donated goes directly to mission service delivery; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross responds to more than 70,000
18 disasters annually, and delivers vital services to members of the
19 Armed Forces, their families, and Veterans at home and overseas, and
20 provided lifesaving health and safety training to more than five
21 million people in 2020; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross and its Northeast Florida
23 Chapter have delivered these vital services without interruption and
24 with scrupulous attention to client and volunteer safety throughout
25 the COVID-19 epidemic; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross
27 in 2020 helped more than 1,900 family members affected by more than
28 550 home fires or other disasters, hosted more than a dozen blood
29 drives throughout the region, including collections targeted at
30 Sickle Cell Disease and vital minority blood-type collections, and
31 regionally provided more than 23,000 vital services to military

1 members, veterans, and families, and deployed more than 500 of its
2 1,600 volunteers in response to hurricanes and other disasters; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross has repeatedly answered the call
4 to assist Northeast Florida, beginning with the Yellow Fever epidemic
5 of 1888, including support in Jacksonville to American troops during
6 the Spanish America War, then later providing relief to those affected
7 by Jacksonville's Great Fire of 1901; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross
9 provides its humanitarian services across thirteen counties in
10 Northeast Florida and is the headquarters for the 35-county Red Cross
11 North Florida Region stretching from the First Coast across the entire
12 length of the Florida Panhandle, and

13 **WHEREAS**, March is recognized as "American Red Cross Month,"
14 across this nation; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes and
17 honors the 107th anniversary of the Northeast Florida Chapter of the
18 American Red Cross during National Red Cross Month in March and
19 commends the volunteers and paid staff of the North Florida Region
20 for their continuing humanitarian service to our city and to the
21 State of Florida.

22 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
24 without the Mayor's signature.

25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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