

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Member Pittman:

3  
4  
5 **RESOLUTION 2025-76-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING GIRL SCOUTS  
7 OF GATEWAY COUNCIL, INC. FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS  
8 TO THE COMMUNITY; DECLARING JANUARY 2 - MARCH  
9 16, 2025, AS "GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SEASON" IN  
10 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11  
12 **WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. is the largest  
13 Girl Scout council in Florida, serving more than 6,000 girls across  
14 35 counties, including Jacksonville, and inspiring them to lead with  
15 courage, confidence and character; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc., a valued partner  
17 in empowering young women, has a storied history of providing  
18 mentorship, education, and support to foster the development of  
19 strong, smart, and bold leaders; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the annual Girl Scout Cookie season is a beloved  
21 tradition that not only brings Jacksonville's community together but  
22 also teaches young entrepreneurs vital life skills such as goal  
23 setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and  
24 business ethics; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Girl Scout Cookie season for 2025 begins with  
26 initial orders on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, with cookie booths opening on February  
27 7<sup>th</sup>, and sales concluding on March 16<sup>th</sup>, marking a significant  
28 opportunity for the community to support local Girl Scouts in their  
29 endeavors; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the proceeds from Girl Scout Cookie sales stay local  
31 and provide funding for educational programs, community service

1 projects, outdoor adventures, and scholarships that directly benefit  
2 the girls and their communities; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Girl Scouts USA celebrates March 12<sup>th</sup> to commemorate  
4 the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low registered the first 18 Girl  
5 Scouts in Savannah, Georgia, and Girl Scout Week is a time to  
6 celebrate the organization's history and traditions; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc., established  
8 in 1927, has a rich history of serving the community and fostering  
9 leadership and in 2025 will celebrate 98 years of friendship and  
10 making the world a better place; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council embodies the values  
12 of leadership, service, and inclusion that align with the City of  
13 Jacksonville's commitment to fostering a thriving and engaged  
14 community; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends Girl  
17 Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. for their tireless efforts to inspire  
18 and empower young women throughout Jacksonville and the State of  
19 Florida and applauds the dedication of the volunteers, parents and  
20 supporters who make those organizations successful in their mission  
21 to build future leaders and strong communities.

22 **Section 2.** The City Council hereby declares January 2 -  
23 March 16, 2025, as "Girl Scout Cookie Season" in Jacksonville and  
24 encourages citizens to participate in this cherished tradition.

25 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

2

3           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

6 GC-#1671439-v1-2025-76-A.docx