

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2020-499-A**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JEA LINEWORKERS ON
6 FLORIDA LINEWORKERS APPRECIATION DAY;
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS,** *Florida House Resolution 9089: Lineworker*
10 *Appreciation Day,* was introduced by Representative Seth McKeel and
11 adopted on March 2nd, 2012, designating August 26th as Lineworker
12 Appreciation Day in the State of Florida; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Florida Lineworker Appreciation Day was created to
14 show gratitude to the men and women who risk their lives daily to
15 ensure reliable delivery of electricity throughout Florida. It was
16 designated by the Florida House of Representatives in 2012 in
17 memory of Marc Moore, a lineworker for Lakeland Electric, who was
18 tragically killed while serving his community in 2002; and

19 **WHEREAS,** national studies consistently rank power line
20 installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the
21 country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing
22 heavy safety equipment and working directly with high voltages
23 creates the perfect storm for a dangerous and unforgiving
24 profession. Despite the long hours and dangerous conditions,
25 lineworkers are up to the task; and

26 **WHEREAS,** to perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers
27 depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get
28 the job done safely. Equally important is their reliance on a
29 strong support system at home, a lineworker's family understands
30 and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community
31 during severe storms and power outages. This means that in times of

1 prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal
2 communication and not see each other for several days. Without
3 strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would
4 be all the more difficult; and

5 **WHEREAS**, at JEA, 190 Overhead and Underground lineworkers
6 literally put their lives on the line each day in order to ensure
7 the people and businesses in our community have access to
8 affordable, reliable power. When there is an outage situation, they
9 are the first ones on the scene working long hours under incredibly
10 challenging circumstances to get power restored as quickly and
11 safely as possible; now therefore

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

13 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes and
14 commends JEA Overhead and Underground lineworkers upon Florida
15 Lineworker Appreciation Day for their dedication and commitment
16 under all conditions, and for ensuring that our community is
17 provided with safe, reliable electric power.

18 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

25 Office of General Counsel

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