

1 Introduced by Council Members Morgan, Ferraro, Carrico, Gaffney,  
2 Pittman and Priestly Jackson and Co-Sponsored by Council Members  
3 Freeman, Becton, Cumber, Boylan, White, Diamond, Howland & DeFoor:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-181-A**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE  
8 JACKSONVILLE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE ON THE  
9 OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING  
10 PAL'S ROLE IN SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH  
11 IN EDUCATION, ATHLETICS, OUTREACH AND TEEN  
12 LEADERSHIP; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Police Athletic League (PAL) is one  
15 of the oldest citizen-building youth programs in the Nation, having  
16 been founded 50 years ago; and

17 **WHEREAS**, PAL is a not-for-profit organization that uses  
18 Jacksonville Sheriff's officers and trained civilians to offer year-  
19 round and seasonal sports programs, a nationally accredited after-  
20 school educational program, camps, mentoring, and teen leadership  
21 programs to Jacksonville's youth; and

22 **WHEREAS**, PAL's mission is to reduce juvenile crime and instill  
23 positive values, character, and leadership skills in young people by  
24 offering safe and structured activities and programs that emphasize  
25 positive interactions with law enforcement officers and other  
26 positive adult role models; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville PAL annually serves more than four  
28 thousand young people with year-round sports programs, after-school  
29 academic and recreational programs throughout the city, and summer  
30 camp opportunities at PAL's four permanent facilities; and

31 **WHEREAS**, PAL has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of

1 Jacksonville's youths during its 50 years of outstanding service, and  
2 has been an invaluable resource by providing a safe environment for  
3 our youth and offering constructive alternatives to the temptations  
4 of challenged communities; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes and honors  
7 Jacksonville's Police Athletic League on the occasion of its 50th  
8 anniversary and recognizes the organization for its successful  
9 programming for youth in education, athletics, outreach, and teen  
10 leadership. The Council thanks the organization, its leaders,  
11 volunteers, and supporters for their outstanding work on behalf of  
12 Jacksonville's youth and extends its very best wishes for many more  
13 years of success.

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

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19 Form Approved:

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22           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

23 Office of General Counsel

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