

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-197**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
6 HEROIC ACTIONS OF MANY FIRST RESPONDERS, MEDICAL
7 PROFESSIONALS AND COURAGEOUS CITIZENS WHO
8 PROVIDED LIFE-SAVING ASSISTANCE TO FORMER CITY
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAM NEWBY DURING A MEDICAL
10 EMERGENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2025, City Council Member Ju'Coby
13 Pittman hosted a town hall meeting at the Legends Center on Soutel
14 Drive to provide an open dialogue addressing critical concerns of
15 residents within District 10; and

16 **WHEREAS**, former City Council Member and Council President Sam
17 Newby who was in attendance at the meeting experienced a severe
18 medical episode which caused him to collapse unconscious on the floor;
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20 **WHEREAS**, within seconds numerous bystanders sprang into action
21 and began to administer aid, including Fire and Rescue Department
22 Emergency Preparedness Supervisor Noah Ray who was in attendance to
23 speak to the meeting, JSO Officers John Melina and Bruce Porter who
24 were on duty providing security for the meeting, Michael Herzberg,
25 Director of Development for Sleiman Enterprises, who was in attendance
26 to discuss a development project in District 10, and Council Member
27 Pittman's Executive Council Assistant Celestine Mills; and

28 **WHEREAS**, a call was placed to 9-1-1 and the crew of Fire
29 Station 24 was quickly on the scene, including Rescue 24 Lieutenant
30 Chad M. Poynter and Engineer Jack T. Renaud, as well as Engine 24
31 Lieutenant John G. Porter, Engineer Nicholas R. Gettler and

1 Firefighter Isaac L. McCue, who stabilized Mr. Newby and transported
2 him to UF Health Medical Center ("UF Health") for treatment; and

3 **WHEREAS,** while at UF Health, Mr. Newby was seen by numerous
4 physicians, nurses and support staff, including Dr. Drew Clare, Dr.
5 Dominick Angiolillo, Dr. Fabiana Rollini, Dr. Jose Rivas, and Dr.
6 Aditya Saini; and

7 **WHEREAS,** as a result of the quick and effective life-saving
8 action of these individuals and professionals, a powerful testament
9 to the strength, resilience and compassion of our community,
10 exemplifying the highest ideals of public service, humanity and civic
11 responsibility, the City Council's esteemed colleague Sam Newby is
12 thankfully on the road to recovery; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes and commends
15 the many first responders, medical professionals, and concerned
16 citizens who sprang into action to mitigate the medical emergency
17 experienced by former Council Member and Council President Sam Newby.
18 The Council specifically recognizes and extends their gratitude to
19 the responders and courageous individuals listed in the recitals
20 above for maintaining composure and providing timely and outstanding
21 assistance in the face of an emergency situation.

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.

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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