

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Pittman, Salem, Freeman and Gay:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-700-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING PAT
7 GERAGHTY FOR HIS YEARS OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE,
8 AND INNOVATION, AND RECOGNIZING HIS EXTENSIVE
9 COMMUNITY IMPACT AND HIS LIFETIME OF
10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
11 GUIDEWELL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, Pat Geraghty has dedicated more than a quarter of a
14 century to transforming healthcare in America, carrying vision and
15 conviction from New Jersey to Minnesota, and finally to Florida,
16 where his hand and heart reshaped GuideWell into a beacon of
17 innovation; and

18 **WHEREAS**, under Mr. Geraghty's leadership since 2011, a single-
19 state insurer known as Florida Blue evolved into a \$30 billion health
20 solutions enterprise, serving more than 38.5 million people across
21 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands - a feat so
22 groundbreaking in scope that it is studied as a capstone case at
23 Harvard Business School; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Geraghty has been recognized not only for fiscal
25 stewardship, turning losses into gains, charting new models of cost
26 and care, and tripling revenues, but also for the profound
27 humanitarian ethic that guided his decisions, ensuring wellness and
28 prevention became pillars of a healthier tomorrow; and

29 **WHEREAS**, beyond corporate walls, Mr. Geraghty has served as
30 Chair of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), a board leader for
31 the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, National Institute for Health

Care Management, TECO, and the Florida Council of 100, bringing wisdom to governors and policymakers alike, shaping health care policy from Tallahassee to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geraghty's service to community is equally distinguished through support for the American Cancer Society, the United Way, and the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation, embodying the truth that leadership is not measured solely in balance sheets, but in lives uplifted and futures secured; and

WHEREAS, for his commitment and impact, Mr. Geraghty has been honored with awards including Florida Atlantic University Business Leader of the Year, the OneJax Humanitarian Silver Medallion, the American Cancer Society's St. George National Award, and Florida Trend's Floridian of the Year, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geraghty's career is a testament to what it means to be a change agent, an innovator, and above all, a servant leader who believes that health is the great equalizer of opportunity, and that communities flourish when care is accessible, equitable, and transformative; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby honors and commends Pat Geraghty for his decades of service, his profound contributions to health care innovation, and his lasting impact upon this city, this state, and this nation. The Council further recognizes his retirement from GuideWell, offering gratitude for his vision, compassion, and enduring example of leadership that blends business acumen with civic purpose.

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

Form Approved:

/s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

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