

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-613**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING HEALTH CARE WORKERS FOR
6 THEIR DEDICATION AND SERVICE DURING THE COVID-
7 19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, for more than a year and a half the world has been immersed
10 in a global pandemic due to the COVID-19 virus, with 200 million
11 infection cases globally as of early August, and over 4 million deaths
12 worldwide. In the United States, there have been 36,925,000 positive
13 cases reported and 621,000 COVID-caused deaths; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since the pandemic began, there have been more than 2
15 million Floridians infected and 40,000 deaths in Florida. In Duval
16 County, there have been more than 100,000 cases and tragically more
17 than 1,400 residents have died after their affliction with the
18 coronavirus; and

19 **WHEREAS**, health care workers of all varieties have been on the
20 front lines fighting the effects of this disease since the beginning
21 of the pandemic. Doctors, nurses, medical assistants, therapists,
22 hospital administrators and staff have toiled to treat and care for
23 COVID patients to the best of their abilities, under extremely
24 difficult conditions; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in the last month, cases of the extremely contagious
26 delta variant of the COVID-19 virus have surged around the world, in
27 the United States and in Florida, particularly in areas where
28 vaccination rates are low. One glimmer of hope in this time of surging
29 cases is that all three vaccines authorized in the United States
30 offer strong protection against severe disease and death from COVID-
31 19; and

1 **WHEREAS**, health care workers have already endured months of
2 trauma as they struggled to handle the caseload of patients and the
3 emotions associated with treatment and loss. Health care workers are
4 once again standing out as heroes during this surge of positive cases,
5 doing everything they can to save, cure and rehabilitate patients
6 with COVID-19; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends all of
9 the health care workers in Duval County for their tireless dedication
10 to healing the sick, for their sacrifices, and for their seemingly
11 unending efforts to counteract the effects of COVID-19. Jacksonville
12 City Council extends heartfelt appreciation to each and every health
13 care worker for their service to our city.

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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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

21 Office of General Counsel

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