

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-196**

5 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JACKSONVILLE AS THE
6 HOST OF THE 2024 FLORIDA ARTISTS HALL OF FAME
7 INDUCTION CEREMONY AND COMMENDING THE 2024
8 INDUCTEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARTS AND
9 CULTURE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS,** the Florida Artists Hall of Fame was established by
12 the Florida Legislature in 1986 to recognize individuals, living or
13 deceased, who have made significant contributions to the arts in
14 Florida as performing or practicing artists in individual
15 disciplines; and

16 **WHEREAS,** recipients of this honor represent the diverse
17 artistic talents that shape Florida's cultural identity, whether they
18 are native to the state or have chosen Florida as their home,
19 demonstrating artistic excellence across various disciplines; and

20 **WHEREAS,** the State of Florida recognizes the role of artists
21 and cultural benefactors in strengthening the state's artistic
22 legacy, with their work contributing to Florida's national and
23 international reputation as a strong and sustained leader in the
24 development of cultural excellence; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the Florida Artists Hall of Fame Wall, located in the
26 Rotunda of the Capitol building, serves as a permanent tribute to
27 each year's inductees, featuring a framed image of honorees alongside
28 a commemorative plaque. Inductees are also awarded a bronze sculpture,
29 commissioned by the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, *La Florida*,
30 created by St. Augustine based artist Enzo Torcoletti; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville is proud to have been selected as the

1 host city for the 2024 Florida Artists Hall of Fame Induction
2 Ceremony, which took place on February 17, 2025, at the historic
3 Florida Theatre, hosted by Florida Secretary of State and Jacksonville
4 native, Cord Byrd, further establishing the city's role in promoting
5 and celebrating the arts; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the 2024 inductees include Roger Bansemer, a
7 distinguished artist from St. Augustine whose nationally televised
8 series has inspired audiences and showcased artistic excellence;
9 George Clinton, a Grammy Award winning, pioneering musician from
10 Tallahassee whose contributions to funk music have shaped the genre
11 and influenced generations; Xavier Cortada, a Miami based artist
12 whose thought-provoking work engages communities and addresses
13 pressing environmental and social issues; and Lynyrd Skynyrd,
14 Jacksonville's own legendary band whose Southern rock anthems have
15 left an enduring mark on music history; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the 2024 inductees have each made significant
17 contributions to the arts, bringing national and global recognition
18 to the state through their dedication, innovation and creative
19 excellence; now therefore

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

21 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates the City of
22 Jacksonville's role as the host for the 2024 Florida Artists Hall of
23 Fame Induction Ceremony and commends the inductees – Roger Bansemer,
24 George Clinton, Xavier Cortada, and Lynyrd Skynyrd – for their
25 outstanding contributions to the arts and cultural heritage of
26 Florida.

27 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
29 without the Mayor's signature.
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1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

4 Office of General Counsel

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