

1 Introduced by Council Members Priestly Jackson, Newby, and Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE
6 PASSING OF DEBORAH MOSLEY NORMAN; PROVIDING AN
7 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS,** Deborah Mosley Norman was born and raised in
10 Jacksonville and was a proud graduate of Matthew W. Gilbert High
11 School; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Norman attended Florida Memorial University where
13 she was Vice President of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and secretary
14 of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She later graduated Magna Cum Laude from
15 FMU and received the D.W. Perkins Award for the highest average in
16 Social Studies and was listed in Who's Who in Colleges and
17 Universities; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Norman knew after graduation that her life's work
19 would revolve around helping the youth in her community, so she went
20 on to attend Purdue University and earned a Master of Science degree
21 in Guidance and Counseling; and

22 **WHEREAS,** after graduate school, Deborah Norman returned to
23 Jacksonville to teach at her alma mater Matthew W. Gilbert High
24 School, where she was honored to receive the "Young Teacher's
25 Achievement Award" from fellow faculty. She later followed her calling
26 to become a High School Guidance Counselor and served as Director of
27 Guidance Services for William Raines High School for thirty-five
28 years; and

29 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Norman was instrumental in securing millions of
30 dollars in scholarships for the talented Raines Graduates; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Deborah Norman received numerous honors over the years,

1 such as the "Guidance Counselor of the Year Award" from the INROADS
2 Organization of Jacksonville, the Raines "The Most Valuable Teacher
3 Award", the Raines High Golden Support Award, the Raines Legend Award,
4 the Dedicated Community Advocate Award from the Jacksonville City
5 Council, and the Humanitarian Award from the Matthew W. Gilbert Grand
6 Reunion Alumni Association; in 2019 the Guidance Suite at William M.
7 Raines High School was renamed in her honor, and in 2020 Mrs. Norman
8 was the first recipient of the Jacksonville Image Education Excellence
9 Award; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Norman was a woman of strong faith, and was a
11 pillar member of the First Baptist Church of Oakland on Eastside who
12 worked with several major youth ministries at the church. She was a
13 member of Leadership Jacksonville, volunteered as a Big Sister for
14 the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, and influenced young people
15 in the community with the I'm A Star Foundation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Deborah Norman was a loving wife to her husband Ervin
17 Norman for 52 years, a devoted mother to her daughter Nicole, a
18 sister, cousin and a dear friend to so many. She was a valued mentor
19 to her colleagues and a beacon of light to countless students and
20 youth in our city, believing that every student has potential and
21 should be given the opportunity to triumph; now therefore

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

23 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the life
24 and service of Deborah Norman, with appreciation for the decades she
25 dedicated to helping the youth in our community become all that they
26 could be. The Jacksonville City Council extends condolences to the
27 Norman family upon her passing, with hopes that her memory provides
28 comfort to all that knew and loved her.

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

1 Form Approved:

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4 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

5 Office of General Counsel

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