

1 Introduced by Council Members Morgan, Ferraro, Carrico, Gaffney,
2 Pittman and Priestly Jackson:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-181**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE
7 JACKSONVILLE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE ON THE
8 OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING
9 PAL'S ROLE IN SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH
10 IN EDUCATION, ATHLETICS, OUTREACH AND TEEN
11 LEADERSHIP; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Police Athletic League (PAL) is one
14 of the oldest citizen-building youth programs in the Nation, having
15 been founded 50 years ago; and

16 **WHEREAS**, PAL is a not-for-profit organization that uses
17 Jacksonville Sheriff's officers and trained civilians to offer year-
18 round and seasonal sports programs, a nationally accredited after-
19 school educational program, camps, mentoring, and teen leadership
20 programs to Jacksonville's youth; and

21 **WHEREAS**, PAL's mission is to reduce juvenile crime and instill
22 positive values, character, and leadership skills in young people by
23 offering safe and structured activities and programs that emphasize
24 positive interactions with law enforcement officers and other
25 positive adult role models; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville PAL annually serves more than four
27 thousand young people with year-round sports programs, after-school
28 academic and recreational programs throughout the city, and summer
29 camp opportunities at PAL's four permanent facilities; and

30 **WHEREAS**, PAL has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of
31 Jacksonville's youths during its 50 years of outstanding service, and

1 has been an invaluable resource by providing a safe environment for
2 our youth and offering constructive alternatives to the temptations
3 of challenged communities; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes and honors
6 Jacksonville's Police Athletic League on the occasion of its 50th
7 anniversary and recognizes the organization for its successful
8 programming for youth in education, athletics, outreach, and teen
9 leadership. The Council thanks the organization, its leaders,
10 volunteers, and supporters for their outstanding work on behalf of
11 Jacksonville's youth and extends its very best wishes for many more
12 years of success.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

22 Office of General Counsel

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