

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Howland, Freeman, Boylan, Carlucci, Gay, Miller, Johnson,
3 Amaro and Gaffney, Jr.:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-197-A**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
8 HEROIC ACTIONS OF MANY FIRST RESPONDERS, MEDICAL
9 PROFESSIONALS AND COURAGEOUS CITIZENS WHO
10 PROVIDED LIFE-SAVING ASSISTANCE TO FORMER CITY
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAM NEWBY DURING A MEDICAL
12 EMERGENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2025, City Council Member Ju'Coby
15 Pittman hosted a town hall meeting at the Legends Center on Soutel
16 Drive to provide an open dialogue addressing critical concerns of
17 residents within District 10; and

18 **WHEREAS**, former City Council Member and Council President Sam
19 Newby who was in attendance at the meeting experienced a severe
20 medical episode which caused him to collapse unconscious on the floor;
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22 **WHEREAS**, within seconds numerous bystanders sprang into action
23 and began to administer aid, including Fire and Rescue Department
24 Emergency Preparedness Supervisor Noah Ray who was in attendance to
25 speak to the meeting, JSO Officers John Medina and Bruce Porter who
26 were on duty providing security for the meeting, Michael Herzberg,
27 Director of Development for Sleiman Enterprises, who was in attendance
28 to discuss a development project in District 10, and Council Member
29 Pittman's Executive Council Assistant Celestine Mills; and

30 **WHEREAS**, a call was placed to 9-1-1 and the crew of Fire
31 Station 24 was quickly on the scene, including Rescue 24 Lieutenant

1 Chad M. Poynter and Engineer Jack T. Renaud, as well as Engine 24
2 Lieutenant John G. Porter, Engineer Nicholas R. Gettler and
3 Firefighter Isaac L. McCue, who stabilized Mr. Newby and transported
4 him to UF Health Medical Center ("UF Health") for treatment; and

5 **WHEREAS,** while at UF Health, Mr. Newby was seen by numerous
6 physicians, nurses and support staff, including Dr. Drew Clare, Dr.
7 Dominick Angiolillo, Dr. Fabiana Rollini, Dr. Jose Rivas, and Dr.
8 Aditya Saini; and

9 **WHEREAS,** as a result of the quick and effective life-saving
10 action of these individuals and professionals, a powerful testament
11 to the strength, resilience and compassion of our community,
12 exemplifying the highest ideals of public service, humanity and civic
13 responsibility, the City Council's esteemed colleague Sam Newby is
14 thankfully on the road to recovery; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes and commends
17 the many first responders, medical professionals, and concerned
18 citizens who sprang into action to mitigate the medical emergency
19 experienced by former Council Member and Council President Sam Newby.
20 The Council specifically recognizes and extends their gratitude to
21 the responders and courageous individuals listed in the recitals
22 above for maintaining composure and providing timely and outstanding
23 assistance in the face of an emergency situation.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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