

1 Introduced by Council Member White and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
2 Freeman, Salem and Howland:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-448-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING CHIEF
7 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BRIAN HUGHES FOR HIS
8 YEARS OF EFFECTIVE SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
9 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Brian Hughes earned a bachelor's degree in media
12 studies at the Catholic University of America and a master's degree
13 in film at Syracuse University, and served his country as a member
14 of the U.S. Air Force during the Gulf War in the early 1990s; and

15 **WHEREAS**, prior to joining the City of Jacksonville workforce,
16 Mr. Hughes started his career in public relations, strategic
17 communication and media production for several firms, including his
18 own media company, and taught film and media production at Syracuse,
19 University of the Pacific, and Ramapo College in New Jersey before
20 transitioning into the world of political consulting and government;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, in January 2018, Mr. Hughes was appointed as Chief of
23 Staff to Mayor Lenny Curry and in October of that year was named as
24 the Interim CEO for the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) during
25 the DIA's search for a permanent director. Upon the retirement of
26 former Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sam Mousa, Mr. Hughes was
27 appointed as the City's CAO in July of 2019, a position from which
28 he will be departing with the change in mayoral administrations; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Hughes has served the City admirably during his
30 tenure in the Mayor's Office, providing strong leadership and guiding
31 the City through both the usual challenges (hurricane emergencies,

1 solid waste hauler difficulties, negotiations with the Jacksonville
2 Jaguars) and one of the largest disruptions ever to impact city
3 government in the form of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions
4 and challenges it imposed on the City's workforce. He and his
5 leadership team weathered storms both actual and metaphorical and
6 ensured that Jacksonville's citizens always received the highest
7 quality of city services in a timely and efficient manner; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Hughes will be leaving the CAO position as a
9 mayoral transition takes place and will be seeking exciting new
10 challenges; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and congratulates
13 Brian Hughes for his hard work and dedication to the City and the
14 citizens of Jacksonville as he steps down from the position of Chief
15 Administrative Officer. The Council offers its thanks for his
16 leadership, cooperation and friendship over the years and extends its
17 best wishes as he undertakes new career opportunities.

18 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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