

1 Introduced by Council Members White, Carlucci, Lahnen, Gay, Amaro,
2 Boylan, Howland, Peluso, Gaffney, Jr., Salem, Arias, Miller, Pittman,
3 Freeman, J. Carlucci, Clark-Murray, Diamond, and Johnson and Co-
4 Sponsored by Council Member Carrico:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2025-565-A**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING FIRE CHIEF KEITH POWERS
9 UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 29 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
10 THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Keith Powers retired from the Jacksonville
14 Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) on June 30, 2025, concluding 29
15 years of devoted service following his start with JFRD in 1996; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Chief Powers has served in every rank, including
17 Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, and Division Chief of
18 Operations, before being appointed Interim Director and Fire Chief
19 in 2019, and subsequently confirmed as permanent Director/Fire Chief
20 in January 2020; and

21 **WHEREAS**, during his leadership tenure, Chief Powers guided the
22 Department through critical missions, including statewide wildland
23 firefighting deployments in 1998, Urban Search and Rescue efforts
24 during Hurricane Katrina, and administrative leadership of JFRD's
25 Tactical Support Facility overseeing hundreds of vehicles; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Chief Powers led JFRD through the COVID-19 pandemic,
27 supporting community testing and vaccination efforts while
28 maintaining critical emergency response capabilities; and

29 **WHEREAS**, he has been publicly praised by community leaders and
30 served the citizens of Jacksonville with integrity, professionalism,
31 and compassion, Chief Powers himself has referred to his service as

1 the honor of his lifetime; now therefore

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

3 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Fire
4 Chief Keith Powers upon his retirement after his 29 years of dedicated
5 service to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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