

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Freeman, Pittman, Peluso, Howland and Clark-Murray:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-214-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JACKSONVILLE URBAN
7 LEAGUE FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY;
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, in 1946, a group of prominent black and white
11 citizens, concerned with the challenges Jacksonville's African
12 Americans faced, met to discuss establishing an organization
13 dedicated to responding to those needs; and

14 **WHEREAS**, from the outset, the Jacksonville Urban League has
15 promoted equality of opportunity through the Three "E" strategy:
16 Education, Employment and Training, and Economic Empowerment; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in the 1970's, under Clanzel T. Brown's leadership,
18 the Jacksonville Urban League broadened its scope in meeting community
19 needs to emphasize full employment and manpower programs; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Urban League movement is to enable
21 African Americans, as well as other underserved communities, to secure
22 economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Richard Danford, Jr., who has led the Jacksonville
24 Urban League for more than 30 years as President, and Mrs. Linnie
25 Finley who has served as Vice-President among other capacities for
26 more than 50 years, have worked to provide stability and access to
27 opportunity in all they do; and

28 **WHEREAS**, our city is stronger through the efforts of the
29 Jacksonville Urban League and their programs that address crucial
30 issues including homelessness, unemployment, crime prevention, and
31 support for small businesses; now therefore

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

2 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the
3 Jacksonville Urban League for more than seven decades of service to
4 our city. Jacksonville City Council celebrates the Jacksonville Urban
5 League's 75th Anniversary and their unwavering commitment to promoting
6 equality in opportunity.

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

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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