

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Peluso, Amaro, Arias,  
2 Pittman, Lahnen and Gaffney, Jr.:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-881**

6 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S  
7 STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE JOHN T.  
8 ALSOP JR. BRIDGE (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MAIN  
9 STREET BRIDGE) FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL  
10 REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES; ENCOURAGING THE  
11 PLANNING DEPARTMENT, THE JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC  
12 PRESERVATION COMMISSION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 PUBLIC WORKS TO COLLABORATE AND PREPARE A  
14 NOMINATION SUBMITTAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
15 DATE.

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17 **WHEREAS**, the John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge, more commonly known to  
18 residents and visitors as the Main Street Bridge, is one of  
19 Jacksonville's most iconic and enduring civic landmarks, prominently  
20 featured in the city's skyline since its opening in 1941; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Main Street Bridge exemplifies Depression-era  
22 engineering excellence as a steel vertical lift bridge, constructed  
23 by the Mount Vernon Bridge Company and originally funded through a  
24 combination of local bonds and federal public works funding; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Main Street Bridge is the only remaining movable-  
26 span bridge in downtown Jacksonville and is the largest vertical lift  
27 bridge of its kind in the State of Florida, retaining a high degree  
28 of structural integrity and original design elements more than 80  
29 years after its completion; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Main Street Bridge has played a critical role in  
31 Jacksonville's development by facilitating transportation, supporting

1 economic growth on both banks of the St. Johns River, and linking  
2 neighborhoods that were once separated by water; and

3       **WHEREAS**, the State Historic Preservation Office previously  
4 deemed the Main Street Bridge eligible for listing on the National  
5 Register of Historic Places due to its engineering significance and  
6 contribution to Jacksonville's mid-20th century urban expansion; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the Main Street Bridge continues to serve thousands of  
8 commuters daily and has become instrumental to Jacksonville's civic  
9 and visual iconography, appearing consistently in imagery that  
10 represents the city, and serving as a defining feature of branding  
11 efforts including its prominent inclusion in the official logo for  
12 Super Bowl XXXIX, which affirmed its role as one of Jacksonville's  
13 most essential and enduring symbols; and

14       **WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation has committed  
15 nearly \$100 million in infrastructure upgrades, including a  
16 comprehensive repainting project scheduled for 2028, to rehabilitate  
17 and reinforce the structural integrity of the Main Street Bridge,  
18 ensuring its safe operation and iconic presence for another century  
19 or more; and

20       **WHEREAS**, this substantial state investment underscores Florida's  
21 recognition of the Main Street Bridge's enduring value as a critical  
22 transportation asset and engineering landmark, compelling the City  
23 of Jacksonville to complement these efforts by pursuing listing on  
24 the National Register of Historic Places to honor its historical and  
25 cultural legacy for future generations; and

26       **WHEREAS**, listing on the National Register of Historic Places  
27 would formally recognize the Main Street Bridge's historical and  
28 cultural importance, open opportunities for preservation funding, and  
29 strengthen the City's efforts to protect and celebrate its  
30 architectural heritage; now therefore

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

1           **Section 1.**           The City Council expresses its strong support  
2 for the nomination of the John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge (the Main Street  
3 Bridge) for listing on the National Register of Historic Places,  
4 recognizing the structure's historic and engineering significance and  
5 its role in shaping Jacksonville's civic identity.

6           **Section 2.**           The City Council encourages the Planning  
7 Department, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, and  
8 the Department of Public Works to collaborate with the State Historic  
9 Preservation Office, the Florida Department of Transportation, and  
10 qualified preservation professionals to prepare and submit a complete  
11 nomination for listing the John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge (the Main Street  
12 Bridge) on the National Register of Historic Places.

13           **Section 3.           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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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Carla Schell

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Cory Armstrong, Executive Council Assistant