

Introduced by Council Member Pittman:

RESOLUTION 2026-56

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALL LOCAL MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS, JOURNALISTS, REPORTERS, EDITORS, AND STAFF FOR KEEPING JACKSONVILLE INFORMED AND FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, the number of "news desert counties" that lack consistent local reporting has steadily increased; and

WHEREAS, local media is an invaluable source for trusted information about our communities, our leadership, our cities and the world, providing a shared window into what is happening inside our city halls, sports arenas and on our Main Streets; and

WHEREAS, local reporters immerse themselves into the fabric of a city, become local experts about crime, weather, business, sports and politics, and act as a reliable conduit of information to keep the public rightfully informed; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville residents trust local news outlets, and benefit from a robust assortment of organizations dedicated to delivering the news every day, in print, digitally, on television and on the radio; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville's local print, digital and nonprofit media entities include the Florida Times-Union, the Jacksonville Business Journal, the Florida Star, Jacksonville Free Press, the Tributary, Folio Weekly, Jacksonville Today (jaxtoday.org and Jacksonville Today Newsletter, both by WJCT) and the Financial News and Daily Record; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville relies upon local news on television and
2 over the radio, from entities like First Coast News, Action News Jax,
3 WJCT, Cox Media Group, iHeartRadio, WCGL, WOKV, and others, to stay
4 up to date on events around town and abroad; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends all local media
7 organizations, journalists, reporters, editors and staff for their
8 dedication to keeping the public informed. Our city is made stronger
9 through the information gathered and conveyed by Jacksonville's local
10 media.

11 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

15 Form Approved:

17 /s/ Shannon M^{ac}Gillis

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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