

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-56**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALL LOCAL MEDIA  
6 ORGANIZATIONS, JOURNALISTS, REPORTERS, EDITORS,  
7 AND STAFF FOR KEEPING JACKSONVILLE INFORMED AND  
8 FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CITY; PROVIDING  
9 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, over the past two decades, the number of "news desert  
12 counties" that lack consistent local reporting has steadily  
13 increased; and

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

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

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

26 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville's local print, digital and nonprofit media  
27 entities include the Florida Times-Union, the Jacksonville Business  
28 Journal, the Florida Star, Jacksonville Free Press, the Tributary,  
29 Folio Weekly, Jacksonville Today (jaxtoday.org and Jacksonville Today  
30 Newsletter, both by WJCT) and the Financial News and Daily Record;  
31 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.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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