

1 Introduced by Council Members Howland and Freeman and Co-Sponsored  
2 by Council Members White, Boylan, Morgan & Carrico:  
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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-287-A**

6 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 28, 2023, AS  
7 "WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY" IN JACKSONVILLE IN  
8 RECOGNITION OF WORKERS INJURED, KILLED, OR MADE  
9 ILL IN THE WORKPLACE; REQUESTING EMERGENCY  
10 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN  
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, on December 29, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed  
14 into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went  
15 into effect on April 28, 1971; and

16 **WHEREAS**, despite the existence of OSHA, which was intended to  
17 provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and requires  
18 employers to provide safe conditions, tens of thousands of American  
19 workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease  
20 every year and tens of thousands more workers are permanently  
21 disabled, injured, or made ill; and

22 **WHEREAS**, various organizations including the Northeast Florida  
23 Safety Council, First Coast Manufacturers Association, Associated  
24 Builders and Contractors - First Coast Chapter, Northeast Florida  
25 Builders Association, American Society of Safety Professionals, and  
26 the employers these organizations represent are determined to prevent  
27 these tragedies and rededicate their efforts to improving workplace  
28 safety, seeking stronger health standard enforcement, and treating  
29 workers with dignity as constant improvements in worker safety are  
30 pursued; and

31 **WHEREAS**, each April, Workers Memorial Day is observed as a day

1 to remember those who have suffered and died on the job; and

2 **WHEREAS,** since 1989, workers, employers and local government  
3 leaders have gathered on April 28<sup>th</sup> to commemorate those who have lost  
4 their lives while working to provide a good standard of living for  
5 their families and communities; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Americans can honor our workers by observing Workers  
7 Memorial Day as a day to remember those victims of workplace injuries  
8 and disease and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and  
9 health in every American workplace; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby designates  
12 Friday, April 28, 2023, as "Workers Memorial Day" in Jacksonville and  
13 asks all citizens to recognize and honor all workers killed, injured,  
14 disabled, or made ill on the job, thank them for their service, offer  
15 sympathy to their families and loved ones, and to respect today's  
16 workers by providing safe workplaces.

17 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**  
18 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon  
19 introduction of this Resolution is requested in order to recognize  
20 Workers Memorial Day in a timely manner.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

28 Office of General Counsel

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