

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-214**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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