

1 Introduced by Council Members Carrico, Lahnen, Johnson, Howland,
2 Miller, White, Diamond, Freeman, Amaro, J. Carlucci, Salem, Gay and
3 Pittman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-963**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING SUSAN
8 "SUSIE" SUMMERALL WILES ON BEING NAMED THE FIRST
9 FEMALE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF IN AMERICAN
10 HISTORY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS,** Susan "Susie" Summerall Wiles, the daughter of former
13 NFL player and sports broadcaster Pat Summerall, graduated from
14 Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, New Jersey and earned her
15 bachelor's degree in English from the University of Maryland; and

16 **WHEREAS,** following her graduation, Ms. Wiles began a long and
17 very successful career in political campaigning and governance as an
18 assistant to Representative Jack Kemp of New York in 1979, then as a
19 scheduler in Ronald Reagan's successful presidential campaign of
20 1980, after which she worked in the President's administration and
21 on his 1984 campaign for re-election; and

22 **WHEREAS,** in the 1990s Susie Wiles relocated to Northeast
23 Florida and entered local politics where she served as Chief of Staff
24 to Mayor John Delaney, Jacksonville's first Republican mayor elected
25 in modern times, and as the District Director for U.S. Representative
26 Tillie Fowler; and

27 **WHEREAS,** Wiles subsequently managed the campaign leading to
28 the surprising gubernatorial victory of Rick Scott in 2010 and the
29 2011 presidential campaign of former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman before
30 opening a lobbying and consulting firm; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Wiles returned to City Hall as the Chief of

1 Communications and Special Initiatives for Mayor John Peyton; and she
2 returned again to City Hall as a campaign strategist and advisor
3 during Lenny Curry's successful run for mayor, following which she
4 was a policy director for the Mayor Curry transition team; and

5 **WHEREAS**, during her years as an advisor to and member of
6 several mayoral administrations, Wiles was deeply involved in some
7 of the most momentous public policy decisions and campaigns in
8 Jacksonville's history, including the Better Jacksonville Plan, the
9 Jacksonville Journey, the River Accord, and the sales tax referendum
10 for pension liability funding; and

11 **WHEREAS**, after successfully managing former President Donald
12 Trump's campaign for a return to the White House, Susie has been
13 named the first female White House Chief of Staff, thereby cementing
14 her place in American history; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
17 Susan "Susie" Summerall Wiles on her long history of significant
18 contributions to politics and governance in Jacksonville, the State
19 of Florida and the United States, and extends its congratulations to
20 her upon the unique accomplishment of being named the first female
21 White House Chief of Staff in American history.

22 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
24 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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