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Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

RESOLUTION 2021-771-A

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SECTIONS 420.907 - 420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND RULE CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida enacted the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act, Chapter 92-317 of Florida Sessions Laws, allocating a portion of documentary stamp taxes on deeds to local governments for the development and maintenance of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Act, Sections 420.907 - 420.9079, Florida Statutes (the "SHIP Act"), and Rule Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, require local governments to develop a one- to three-year Local Housing Assistance Plan outlining how funds will be used; and

WHEREAS, the SHIP Act requires local governments to establish

the maximum SHIP funds allowable for each strategy; and

WHEREAS, the SHIP Act further requires local governments to establish an average area purchase price of new and existing housing benefitting from awards made pursuant to the SHIP Act, with the methodology and purchase prices used defined in the Local Housing Assistance Plan; and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, it is found that 5% of the local housing distribution plus 5% of program income is insufficient to adequately pay the necessary costs of administering the Local Housing Assistance Plan; the cost of administering the program may not exceed 10% of the local housing distribution plus 5% of program income deposited into the trust fund, except that small counties as defined in Section 120.52(19), Florida Statutes, and eligible municipalities receiving a local housing distribution of up to \$350,000.00 may use up to 10% of program income for administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department has prepared a three-year Local Housing Assistance Plan (the "Plan") for submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public for Duval County/City of Jacksonville to submit the Plan for review and approval so as to qualify for said documentary stamp tax funds; now therefore

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

Section 1. Local Housing Assistance Plan Approved. There is hereby approved for submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, as required by Sections 420.907 - 420.9079, Florida Statutes, the Local Housing Assistance Plan for fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Revised Exhibit 1, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev LHAP, November

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1, 2021 - NCSPHS" and incorporated herein by this reference. A copy of the minutes from the June 23, 2021 Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission meeting approving the Plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

Section 2. Authorizing Execution. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any documents and certifications required by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation related to the Plan, and to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms and conditions of said Plan.

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

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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