

1 Introduced by Council Member DeFoor & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Becton, Bowman, Boylan, Carlucci, Carrico, Cumber,
3 Dennis, Diamond, Ferraro, Freeman, Gaffney, Hazouri, Morgan, Newby,
4 Pittman, Priestly Jackson, and White and amended on the Floor of
5 Council:

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8 **RESOLUTION 2020-767-A**

9 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING PAUL MCELROY FOR HIS
10 SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND INTERIM
11 LEADERSHIP AT JEA; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
12 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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15 **WHEREAS**, prior to his April 2018 retirement, Paul McElroy
16 spent 16 years as a JEA executive, including six years as Chief
17 Financial Officer, and more than five years as Chief Executive
18 Officer and Managing Director; and

19 **WHEREAS**, due to circumstances this year that left JEA without
20 leadership, Mr. McElroy stepped in to help JEA, its new board, and
21 our community in a time of need. Paul McElroy offered his talents,
22 skills and knowledge, acquired through many dedicated successful
23 years of public service and community leadership, to lead JEA while
24 the board searched for a new permanent Chief Executive Officer; and

25 **WHEREAS**, while back at the helm leading JEA, Mr. McElroy
26 focused on what had been successful for the organization in the
27 past: customer satisfaction, operational performance, financial
28 metrics and management practices, and governance including ethics
29 and compliance; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Paul McElroy placed his personal life, professional

1 commitments, and other responsibilities on hold in order to work to
2 restore JEA's reputation as a valued asset to all of its customers
3 and to guide JEA back towards the path of exceptional standing
4 within the utility industry. Mr. McElroy's six month interim
5 leadership ensured the successful functioning of JEA while a new
6 CEO was selected; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby extends great
9 appreciation and deep gratitude to Paul McElroy for his service and
10 outstanding leadership. In the past six months, Mr. McElroy
11 restructured JEA management as needed, steadfastly planned for the
12 future, steered JEA back onto the path to regain its standing in
13 the utility industry and tirelessly sought to restore public trust
14 within our community.

15 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
16 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
17 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
18 emergency is that Mr. McElroy's successor has been selected and Mr.
19 McElroy has begun the transition to return to retirement and the
20 Council wishes to extend their appreciation accordingly.

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/ Paige H. Johnston

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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