

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-98**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
6 M.A.D. D.A.D.S.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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8 **WHEREAS**, M.A.D. D.A.D.S., Men Against Destruction-Defending
9 Against Drugs and Social-disorder, is devoted to strengthening the
10 family unit, reestablishing a sense of community, and rebuilding
11 self-esteem through instruction in life skills, street mentoring
12 patrols and community days aimed at inspiring young people to take a
13 pledge to be drug- and violence-free; and

14 **WHEREAS**, founded in 2003, the Jacksonville M.A.D. D.A.D.S.
15 Chapter has grown to be vital to our city and to the effort to restore
16 peace and justice; and

17 **WHEREAS**, M.A.D. D.A.D.S. includes SANKOFA Life Skills Training
18 which is designed to teach conflict resolution skills and build strong
19 values and principles, the Street Mentoring Patrol Program which is
20 the signature component of the national program where volunteers walk
21 city streets to identify unsupervised youth and draw them into program
22 activities, and the "I took the pledge day" created to reduce drug
23 usage and gun violence among Jacksonville school-aged youth; and

24 **WHEREAS**, this is the 20th year of service of M.A.D. D.A.D.S. and
25 their dedication to the intervention and prevention of community
26 problems in Jacksonville; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends M.A.D.
29 D.A.D.S. for all they do to improve lives in our community and make
30 our streets safer. The Jacksonville City Council congratulates M.A.D.
31 D.A.D.S. upon their 20th anniversary and extends appreciation for

1 their commitment to providing effective intervention programs for at-
2 risk youth across Jacksonville.

3 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

10 Office of General Counsel

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