

1 Introduced by Council Member Amaro, Gay, Johnson, Freeman, Lahnen,
2 Salem, Pittman, Peluso, Miller, Howland, Arias, Gaffney, Jr., and
3 Carrico:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-787**

6 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TEN-YEAR
7 ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF THE EL FARO
8 CONTAINER SHIP, HONORING THE LIVES LOST AND THE
9 ENDURING IMPACT ON THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2015, the American cargo ship, El Faro,
13 sank in the Atlantic Ocean near the Bahamas during Hurricane Joaquin,
14 resulting in the tragic loss of all 33 crew members aboard, including
15 28 Americans and 5 people of Polish Descent; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the El Faro had departed from Jacksonville on a voyage
17 to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and was operated by TOTE maritime, a company
18 based in the City, making the tragedy especially poignant to the
19 Jacksonville community, including the families, friends, and
20 colleagues of those lost; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the sinking of the El Faro led to a comprehensive
22 investigation by the United States Coast Guard and the National
23 Transportation Safety Board, resulting in critical safety
24 recommendations that have since improved maritime practices, vessel
25 operations, and weather forecasting protocol; and

26 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, the City Council of Jacksonville renamed Dames
27 Point Park to the El Faro Memorial at Dames Point Park, which remains
28 a place of remembrance and reflection for the families, maritime
29 workers, and the public; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville recognizes the ten-year
31 anniversary of this tragedy as an opportunity to honor the memory of

1 those who perished, to support the families and loved ones left
2 behind, and to reaffirm the City's commitment to maritime safety and
3 community resilience; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commemorates the ten-
6 year anniversary of the sinking of El Faro on October 1, 2025, and
7 honors the memory of the 33 crew members who lost their lives in the
8 line of duty.

9 **Section 2.** The city council extends its deepest condolences
10 to the families, friends, and colleagues of the victims and expresses
11 profound appreciation for the maritime workers for their service in
12 the face of great risk to their lives.

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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