

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Miller, Amaro, Salem and
2 Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Lahnen and Howland:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-43-A**

6 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE MAYPORT
7 LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION'S EFFORTS TO PRESERVE AND
8 PROTECT THE ST. JOHNS RIVER LIGHTHOUSE;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS,** the St. Johns River Lighthouse was erected in 1858,
12 first illuminated on January 1, 1859, and stands on what is now the
13 property of Naval Station Mayport; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the St. Johns River Lighthouse provided a beacon at
15 the river's entrance until the tower light was darkened during the
16 Civil War. The tower light was relit after the war on July 4, 1867,
17 and it shined brightly until it was decommissioned in 1929, after
18 over 70 years of service; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the St. Johns River Lighthouse was added to the
20 National Register of Historic Places in 1976, was also designated as
21 one of Jacksonville's most significant historic buildings by the
22 Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, and is the oldest
23 surviving building in Mayport Village which was founded on May 1,
24 1562; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the Mayport Lighthouse Association is a nonprofit
26 group of citizen activists dedicated to the preservation of the
27 historic St. Johns River Lighthouse to ensure that it is available
28 for the enjoyment of current and future generations; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the Mayport Lighthouse Association is applying for
30 grant funding from the Florida Lighthouse Association and the United
31 States Lighthouse Society for a feasibility study to determine if the

lighthouse can be relocated to the waterfront in Mayport Village, so it can be restored and made accessible to the public; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby expresses support for the Mayport Lighthouse Association's grant application for a feasibility study to ascertain whether the St. Johns River Lighthouse can be safely moved to enhance restoration, improve accessibility and support the revitalization of Mayport Village. The Council extends appreciation to the Mayport Lighthouse Association for their efforts to preserve and protect the history and structure of the St. Johns River Lighthouse.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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