

1 Introduced by Council Members Hazouri and Carlucci and Co-Sponsored  
2 by Council Members Freeman, Morgan, Newby, Diamond, DeFoor,  
3 Priestly Jackson, Boylan, Becton, Ferraro, Carlucci and Salem:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2019-709-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE  
7 CITY'S DISABLED SERVICES DIVISION ON 30 YEARS  
8 OF DILIGENT SERVICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
9 DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, former Mayor Tommy Hazouri and Council Member Matt  
12 Carlucci partnered to introduce legislation to create a division to  
13 address the needs of individuals living with disabilities. On  
14 September 26, 1989, City Council passed Ordinance 89-878-448 and  
15 established the Disabled Services Division. The division's purpose  
16 was to increase community awareness about the accomplishments and  
17 needs of disabled individuals and monitor all Federal and State  
18 legislation that relates to disability rights and issues. Also, the  
19 division would also advise the Mayor and his staff about necessary  
20 City compliance, and suggest and implement ordinances that  
21 favorably impacted one's equal access and opportunity while  
22 changing any City policies that may adversely affect the same; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the overall goal of the Disabled Services Division  
24 for the past thirty years has been to improve the quality of life  
25 for people with disabilities by addressing, researching and  
26 attempting to overcome barriers. These barriers include  
27 transportation, housing, accessibility, discrimination, and  
28 employment; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Disabled Services Division provides various  
30 quality programs and services to the disabled population of

1 Jacksonville which include Adaptive Recreation that allows  
2 individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in  
3 sports in our City Parks, compete against local and national  
4 athletes with similar disabilities, and improve their quality of  
5 life and athletic ability across a wide range of sports and  
6 recreational activities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the City's Jim Brady Scholarship provides funding for  
8 students with disabilities to assist with tuition, books and  
9 necessary auxiliary aids while the student is attending a community  
10 college, university or vocational school located in and accredited  
11 by the State of Florida or its designated agent; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Wheelchair Ramp Program offers service to low-  
13 income families with a need for access to their residence and  
14 provides a wheelchair ramp at no cost to the client. Also, Disabled  
15 Services manages the Disabled Parking Enforcement Program of  
16 trained volunteers who monitor and enforce the law by issuing  
17 citations to persons illegally parked in designated accessible  
18 parking spaces. Seventy percent of the fines collected are  
19 distributed to the Handicap Parking Trust Fund to better serve  
20 persons with disabilities in our community; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and  
23 commends the Disabled Services Division for its impact over the  
24 past 30 years on the lives of our residents and for its commitment  
25 to expanding opportunities for people living with disabilities,  
26 veterans, seniors, and others to ensure equal access and quality of  
27 life in our community.

28 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
30 without the Mayor's signature.  
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Form Approved:

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