

1 Introduced by Council Members Howland, Miller, White, Boylan, Salem,
2 Peluso, Gay, Freeman, Amaro, J. Carlucci, Pittman and Carrico:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-238**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 28, 2026, AS
7 "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN JACKSONVILLE TO HONOR
8 WORKERS INJURED OR KILLED IN THE WORKPLACE;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, on December 29, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed
12 into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went
13 into effect on April 28, 1971; and

14 **WHEREAS**, despite the existence of OSHA, which was intended to
15 provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and require
16 employers to provide safe conditions, tens of thousands of American
17 workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease
18 every year and tens of thousands more workers are permanently
19 disabled, injured, or made ill; and

20 **WHEREAS**, various organizations including the Northeast Florida
21 Safety Council, First Coast Manufacturers Association, Associated
22 Builders and Contractors - First Coast Chapter, Northeast Florida
23 Builders Association, American Society of Safety Professionals, and
24 the employers these organizations represent are determined to prevent
25 these tragedies and rededicate their efforts to improving workplace
26 safety, seeking stronger health standard enforcement, and treating
27 workers with dignity as constant improvements in worker safety are
28 pursued; and

29 **WHEREAS**, each April 28th, Workers' Memorial Day is observed as a
30 day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job; and

31 **WHEREAS**, since 1989, workers, employers and local government

1 leaders have gathered on April 28th to commemorate those who have lost
2 their lives while working to provide a good standard of living for
3 their families and communities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Americans can honor our workers by observing Workers'
5 Memorial Day as a day to remember those victims of workplace injuries
6 and disease and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and
7 health in every American workplace; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes Tuesday,
10 April 28, 2026, to be "Workers' Memorial Day" in Jacksonville and
11 asks all citizens to honor all workers killed, injured, and disabled
12 on the job, thank them for their service, offer sympathy to their
13 families and loved ones, and to respect today's workers by providing
14 safe workplaces.

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

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

22 Office of General Counsel

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