

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-800**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT;  
6 MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE  
7 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION  
8 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A NEW STATEWIDE  
9 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CITY  
10 OVERSIGHT BY THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE EMERGENCY  
11 PREPAREDNESS DIVISION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
12 DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the State Emergency Management Act, as codified in  
15 Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the State of Florida and  
16 its political subdivisions to develop and enter into mutual aid  
17 agreements for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of  
18 emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management  
20 ("FDEM") requires municipalities to participate in the Statewide  
21 Mutual Aid Agreement ("SMAA") to be eligible for funds under Chapter  
22 27P-19, *Florida Administrative Code*; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the FDEM has transmitted an update to the SMAA for 2023  
24 for adoption and execution by counties and various other local  
25 agencies; and

26 **WHEREAS**, to ensure that all of the counties are working under  
27 the most recent version of the SMAA, FDEM is requesting that all  
28 counties update their agreements to the 2023 version; now therefore

29 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

30 **Section 1. Findings.** The above-stated recitals are hereby  
31 adopted as findings of the Council with respect to this Ordinance.

