

Introduced by Council Member White and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland, Johnson, Lahnen, Miller, Peluso, Pittman and Salem and amended on the Floor of Council:

RESOLUTION 2025-359-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF BOBBY L. DEAL; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, born March 11, 1955, in New Jersey, Bobby L. Deal grew up in Jacksonville's northside and graduated from Paxon School for Advanced Studies; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Bobby Deal enlisted in the Army, where he earned the National Defense Service, Good Conduct, and Army Commendation Medals as well as the Expert Marksmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, when he finished his military service, Bobby Deal began his career in public safety, first with the Orange Park Police Department, and then with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO") in 1979; and

WHEREAS, during his 35 years with JSO, Bobby Deal served in numerous positions, including as a Corrections Officer, Vice Detective, Sergeant in the Canine Unit, Lieutenant, Executive Director of the Police Athletic League where he revitalized and expanded the program, Zone Commander, and Assistant Chief of Special Events in the Community Affairs Division; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Deal was a very active Member of Fraternal Order of Police ("FOP") Lodge 5-30, served on many committees and boards, and was a member of the FOP National Champion Softball team; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Bobby Deal served on the Police and Fire Pension Fund
2 Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustee of the Police & Fire
3 Pension Fund, where he was twice elected to be the Secretary and
4 Chairman; and

5 **WHEREAS,** after retirement, he continued to serve his fellow
6 officers by coordinating the annual "Guns n' Hoses" boxing matches
7 between Police Officers and Firefighters, raising hundreds of
8 thousands of dollars for the FOP Foundation and Firefighter charities,
9 and he was serving as the Executive Director of the FOP Foundation
10 and Trustee of the Jacksonville Police Officers and Firefighters
11 Health Insurance Trust at the time of his death; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Bobby Deal was more than a true public servant who
13 dedicated his life to ensuring safety for Jacksonville residents, he
14 was also a cherished husband, a loving father, a trusted colleague,
15 and a caring friend; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors Bobby L. Deal for
18 his lifetime of public service to our City. The City Council extends
19 condolences to his family, friends, and to all who knew and loved
20 him, with the hope that his memory will provide comfort to those
21 grieving his passing.

22 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
23 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
24 introduction of this Resolution is requested in order to convey
25 condolences to the Deal family in a timely manner.

26 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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