

1 Introduced by Council Members Gaffney, Jr., Pittman, Amaro, Salem,  
2 and Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Peluso and Freeman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-643-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE VICTORY  
7 STATION, JACKSONVILLE'S FIRST FULL-TIME GOSPEL  
8 STATION, AND ITS PRESIDENT AND CEO DEBORAH  
9 MAIDEN, ON THE OCCASION OF THE VICTORY STATION'S  
10 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
11 DEBORAH MAIDEN AS ITS OWNER; PROVIDING AN  
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, WCGL AM 1360 became Jacksonville's first  
15 full-time gospel radio station; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1994, WCGL was branded The Victory Station, now  
17 broadcasting on AM 1360 and FM 94.7; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The Victory Station reaches listeners of all  
19 generations, throughout Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia, all  
20 day, every day; and

21 **WHEREAS**, The Victory Station has long been known for its  
22 professional and community ties as well as its stability, winning two  
23 national Stellar Awards for Radio Station of the Year, which are  
24 awarded in recognition of achievements in the gospel music industry;  
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, these community ties are demonstrated through The  
27 Victory Station's community partnerships and internship programs with  
28 organizations including the Children's Wish Foundation, the Victory  
29 Scholarship Foundation, Women of Color Cultural Foundation, Edward  
30 Waters University, the University of North Florida, and Shiloh  
31 Outreach GED Program; and

1           **WHEREAS,** Deborah Maiden, who serves as President and CEO of  
2 The Victory Station, is a long-time resident and active community  
3 member of Jacksonville, serving as a member of the Women of Color  
4 Cultural Foundation, National Association of Broadcasters, and  
5 Jacksonville's Chamber of Commerce; and

6           **WHEREAS,** Ms. Maiden further demonstrates her commitment to the  
7 community as a trustee board member of West Jacksonville Church of  
8 God in Christ; and

9           **WHEREAS,** 2024 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Victory Station  
10 and its 35<sup>th</sup> year as a minority, woman-owned business, with The  
11 Victory Station celebrating these anniversaries on November 15, 2024;  
12 now therefore

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

14           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby honors and commends The  
15 Victory Station for its work in providing daily spiritual enrichment  
16 to thousands of listeners throughout the City of Jacksonville.  
17 Recognizing that The Victory Station's efforts help to create a sense  
18 of community and togetherness for its listeners, the City Council  
19 celebrates the anniversaries of both The Victory Station and Deborah  
20 Maiden serving as its President and CEO.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Eamon Webb, City Council Research

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