

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Member Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-348-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE DUVAL COUNTY CHAPTER  
7 OF THE CHARMETTES, INCORPORATED, UPON THE  
8 OCCASION OF THEIR 55TH ANNIVERSARY, AND  
9 COMMENDING THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
10 JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND; PROVIDING AN  
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS,** the City Council of Jacksonville, Florida, recognizes  
14 those organizations whose work has radiated light throughout our  
15 communities, and whose legacy is both deep-rooted and forward-  
16 reaching; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the Charmettes, Incorporated, a national nonprofit  
18 sisterhood of African American women of vision and valor, dedicated  
19 to enhancing quality of life within communities served by chapters  
20 and on a national level, serves as a beacon of progress, anchored in  
21 the belief that access to quality healthcare, education, and a stress-  
22 free environment is not a privilege but a right for all; and

23 **WHEREAS,** in June 2024, the Charmettes, Incorporated, achieved  
24 a historic milestone by contributing \$1,000,000 to the Howard  
25 University Cancer Center, affirming their generational promise to  
26 support scientific research, eradicate cancer, and save lives,  
27 particularly within underserved communities; and

28 **WHEREAS,** this year the Duval County Chapter of the Charmettes,  
29 Incorporated, commemorates fifty-five years of sisterhood, service,  
30 and sustained commitment to social uplift and health equity, having  
31 been founded on February 14, 1970; and

1       **WHEREAS,** the Duval County Charmettes' local impact, advocating  
2 for health, education, and equity, through relentless outreach and  
3 service mirrors the sisterhood's national commitment; and

4       **WHEREAS,** the Duval County Charmettes' community engagement  
5 includes caring for our elderly by preparing a home cooked meal for  
6 the residents of Morris Manor at Thanksgiving, supporting the  
7 eradication of cancer through their contribution to Howard University  
8 Cancer Research Center during their annual 100 Women In Pink event,  
9 donating critical items to Hubbard House to support victims of  
10 domestic violence and their families, participating in an annual  
11 holiday toy drive and giveaway, and organizing back-to-school  
12 giveaways to provide school supplies and personal hygiene essentials  
13 to students in need; and

14       **WHEREAS,** the ladies of the Duval County Charmettes have proven  
15 that when compassion meets organization and commitment meets action,  
16 transformation becomes inevitable; and

17       **WHEREAS,** the Charmettes' unwavering dedication reflects the  
18 best of civic virtue in tireless service to the community and  
19 compassion for all; now therefore

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

21       **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends the  
22 Duval County Chapter of the Charmettes, Incorporated, upon their 55th  
23 Anniversary, and for their decades of transformative service to the  
24 Jacksonville community and the greater First Coast region. The City  
25 Council celebrates the historic \$1,000,000 national contribution by  
26 the Charmettes, Inc., to the Howard University Cancer Center, an  
27 extraordinary act of advocacy and legacy-building. The City Council  
28 further expresses its appreciation for the Duval County Charmettes'  
29 tangible contributions to local residents through outreach efforts  
30 with Hubbard House, school supply distributions, and holiday charity  
31 work that continue to inspire and empower lives.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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