

1 Introduced by Council Members Howland, Miller, White, Boylan, Salem,
2 Peluso, Gay, Freeman, Amaro, J. Carlucci, Pittman and Carrico and Co-
3 Sponsored by Council Member Johnson:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2026-238-A**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 28, 2026, AS
8 "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN JACKSONVILLE TO HONOR
9 WORKERS INJURED OR KILLED IN THE WORKPLACE;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, on December 29, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed
13 into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went
14 into effect on April 28, 1971; and

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

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, since 1989, workers, employers and local government
2 leaders have gathered on April 28th to commemorate those who have lost
3 their lives while working to provide a good standard of living for
4 their families and communities; and

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

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

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

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

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

23 Office of General Counsel

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