

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Carlucci and Co-Sponsored
2 by Council Members Salem, Pittman and Amaro:
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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-342-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING TIMOTHY
7 WILLIAM "TIM" DEEGAN, CHIEF METEOROLOGIST, FOR
8 HIS REMARKABLE 42-YEAR CAREER AT FIRST COAST
9 NEWS; RECOGNIZING HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE,
10 COMMUNITY IMPACT, AND INDOMITABLE SPIRIT AS A
11 BELOVED EDUCATOR, ADVOCATE, AND TRUSTED VOICE
12 FOR THE PEOPLE OF JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS,** there are few names in Northeast Florida more
16 synonymous with grace under pressure, scientific excellence, and
17 unshakable public trust than that of Timothy William "Tim" Deegan,
18 who, for over four decades, has not simply reported the weather, he
19 has been a steadfast guide through sunshine and storm; and

20 **WHEREAS,** Tim Deegan began his career at KBTX in Bryan, Texas
21 while still a student at Texas A&M University, where he earned his
22 Bachelor of Science in Meteorology in 1981. From his earliest
23 broadcasts on *Good Morning, Bryan & College Station* to his elevation
24 to the status as a certified member of the American Meteorological
25 Society in 1982, Tim displayed an unmatched commitment to scientific
26 integrity and clarity in communication; and

27 **WHEREAS,** arriving in Jacksonville in 1982 as a 22-year-old
28 surfer with sun-streaked hair and boundless enthusiasm, Tim joined
29 WTLV as the morning show meteorologist and quickly became a household
30 name; by 1986, he was named Chief Meteorologist, a title he carried
31 with dignity, precision, and purpose, until his final forecast in May

1 2025; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Tim's leadership helped First Coast News earn
3 WeatherRate's coveted title of *Most Accurate Weather* for five
4 consecutive years (2019-2024), a distinction that only hints at the
5 level of public trust he cultivated through calm delivery, timely
6 alerts, and a profound understanding of Florida's dynamic climate;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, beyond the radar maps and satellite loops, Tim has
9 always been a man of the people, visiting over a thousand schools,
10 igniting curiosity in the hearts of children, sharing his awe of the
11 atmosphere, and even recounting his daring flight into Hurricane
12 Gilbert in 1988 with the Hurricane Hunters, reminding us all of the
13 courage it takes to be a guardian of the truth; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Tim's story is also one of partnership; alongside his
15 wife, Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan, he has poured his heart into
16 the Donna Foundation, an organization that champions the fight against
17 breast cancer and provides compassionate support to those walking the
18 toughest roads of life; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Tim is a proud father of three and grandfather of
20 four whose joy in life has always extended far beyond the green
21 screen, whether catching waves on the coast, lending his time to
22 worthy causes, or simply marveling at the majesty of nature with the
23 same awe that first drew him to meteorology; and

24 **WHEREAS**, as one of the first 100 meteorologists in the nation
25 to be recognized as an AMS Certified Broadcaster, Tim has not only
26 set the gold standard for scientific reporting, but has also embodied
27 the highest calling of public service, steadfast, humble, and always
28 in tune with the needs of his community; now therefore

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

30 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors Timothy William
31 "Tim" Deegan for his extraordinary 42-year career in meteorology, for

1 being a steady voice through turbulent storms, and for standing as a
2 beacon of excellence in journalism, science, and civic engagement.
3 The City Council commends Tim Deegan for embodying the values of
4 integrity, compassion, and public trust; for inspiring a generation
5 of scientists and thinkers; and for always reminding us that our
6 skies, no matter how dark, are never without hope. The City Council
7 extends its heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to Tim
8 Deegan as he enters retirement. His impact will forever echo in
9 classrooms, living rooms, and hearts across the First Coast.

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

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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