

1 Introduced by Council Members Ferraro, Salem, Carrico, Howland,
2 Diamond, Gaffney, Pittman, DeFoor, White, Carlucci, Boylan and
3 Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Morgan, Becton, Clark-
4 Murray, Priestly Jackson, and Newby:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2022-782-A**

8 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MEMBERS OF THE
9 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR
10 THEIR HEROIC RESCUE EFFORTS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
11 IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IAN; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, Hurricane Ian was a destructive storm that caused
15 widespread damage across western Cuba and the southeast United States.
16 On September 28th the fierce hurricane made landfall in southwest
17 Florida as a category 4 storm, with winds over 150 miles per hour and
18 catastrophic damage from extreme storm surge and rainfall; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Hurricane Ian tragically took the lives of more than
20 one hundred residents, annihilated homes, roadways and bridges, left
21 hundreds of thousands without electricity, and stranded many people
22 in their neighborhoods or on their rooftops when roads were rendered
23 impassable; and

24 **WHEREAS**, numerous first responders mobilized to help those who
25 faced the brunt of the storm, including Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
26 officers and employees who went to assist and coordinate with the
27 search and rescue crews in some of the hardest-hit communities; and

28 **WHEREAS**, thousands of people have been saved from the rubble in
29 the days since the hurricane, and rescue crews are still hard at work
30 in the aftermath of the storm under dire conditions including flooded
31 roadways, crumbled bridges, and a lack of water, food and electricity;

1 now therefore

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

3 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the
4 officers and employees from the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
5 Department for their heroic rescue endeavors in the aftermath of
6 Hurricane Ian in Southwest Florida. Jacksonville City Council extends
7 appreciation to all the parties involved in the recovery activities
8 following this disastrous storm, and expresses condolences to all of
9 those experiencing loss from this dreadful hurricane.

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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