

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-996**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN  
6 WARS POST 4761 CELEBRATION OF MAY 22, 2025, AS  
7 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS REMEMBRANCE DAY AND  
8 RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN  
9 WARS POST 4761 TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF VETERANS  
10 WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES DEFENDING FREEDOM  
11 INCLUDING BY GIFTING A MONUMENT TO NEW STANTON  
12 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND STANTON COLLEGE  
13 PREPARATORY SCHOOL TO HONOR STUDENT VETERANS;  
14 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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16 **WHEREAS**, with 1.5 million members located in over 6,000 Posts  
17 worldwide, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary are  
18 dedicated to veterans' services, legislative advocacy, and community  
19 programs; and

20 **WHEREAS**, founded in 1899 by veterans of the Spanish-American  
21 War and the Philippine Insurrection, the Veterans of Foreign Wars'  
22 mission through the years has focused on securing rights and benefits  
23 for veterans; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4761 ("VFW Post 4761")  
25 works throughout the year to empower veterans, recognize service and  
26 patriotism, and build community; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the General Daniel "Chappie" James Post 4761 in  
28 Jacksonville was organized on October 5, 1991, and named as an homage  
29 to the life and military career of General Daniel "Chappie" James,  
30 who in 1975 became the first African American officer in the history  
31 of the United States military to attain the rank of four-star General;

1 and

2       **WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2023, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post  
3 4761 gifted a monument to New Stanton Senior High School and Stanton  
4 College Preparatory School to honor student veterans who served in  
5 World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and in Afghanistan. The  
6 inscription states: "The Veterans of Our Military Service have put  
7 their lives on the line to protect the freedom that we enjoy. They  
8 have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be  
9 recognized for their commitment."; and

10       **WHEREAS**, included amongst the student veterans honored and  
11 recognized by the VFW Post 4761 monument is Stanton College  
12 Preparatory School graduate Army Seargeant Wakkuna Almira Jackson who  
13 enlisted to save money for medical school but was tragically killed  
14 in action on August 19, 2006, in Kunar, Afghanistan at age 21; now  
15 therefore

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

17       **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville does hereby join  
18 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4761 in their celebration of May 22,  
19 2025, as Veterans of Foreign Wars Remembrance Day. The City Council  
20 appreciates the efforts by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4761 to  
21 preserve the memories of fallen heroes who gave their lives defending  
22 freedom on battlefields across the globe.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

29 Office of General Counsel

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