

1 Introduced by Council Member DeFoor and Co-Sponsored by Council Member
2 Morgan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-191-A**

6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
7 JACKSONVILLE APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
8 COMMITTEE ON RESILIENCY'S FINAL REPORT, DATED
9 FEBRUARY 2021; THANKING THE SUBJECT MATTER
10 EXPERTS AND THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL
11 COUNCIL FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, in November of 2019, then Council President Scott
15 Wilson created the Special Committee on Resiliency and appointed
16 Council Member Matt Carlucci as the Chair, with Council Members
17 Boylan, Bowman, DeFoor, Dennis, Morgan and Wilson as members; and

18 **WHEREAS**, "Resiliency" is a very large topic that covers being
19 able to prepare for, adapt and recover from a range of chronic
20 stressors and adverse events such as sea level rise, global warming,
21 and even health pandemics, so in an effort to be able to start the
22 City's journey into this broad subject, for the purpose of this
23 Special Committee, and because Jacksonville is so impacted by its
24 waterways of the St. Johns River and tributaries, the Intracoastal
25 Waterway, and the Atlantic Ocean, it was decided that the focus would
26 be centered on flooding whether from events such as hurricanes and
27 intense storms, or the stressors of aging infrastructure and sea
28 level rise; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in 2020 the Special Committee met and heard from a
30 variety of experts in the field, and with such a large subject matter

1 to digest, even narrowed to the general topic of flooding, the Special
2 Committee agreed to form three (3) subcommittees to focus on three
3 broad subject matters of "Environmental Planning," "Infrastructure,
4 and Continuity of Operations for Essential Services," and "Education,
5 Protection of Local Neighborhoods, and Community Outreach"; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the Environmental Planning subcommittee was a
7 subcommittee of one, Council Member Carlucci, and was attended and
8 supported by many Subject Matter Experts; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Infrastructure, and Continuity of Operations for
10 Essential Services subcommittee was a subcommittee of one, Council
11 Member Dennis, and was attended and supported by many Subject Matter
12 Experts; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the Education, Protection of Local Neighborhoods, and
14 Community Outreach subcommittee was Chaired by Council Member Morgan
15 and Vice-Chaired by Council Member Boylan, and was also assisted by
16 many Subject Matter Experts; and

17 **WHEREAS,** on June 30, 2020, Council President Tommy Hazouri
18 directed the continuation of the Special Committee on Resiliency, and
19 appointed Council Member DeFoor as Chair, with Council Members Boylan,
20 Dennis, Morgan and Carlucci as members; and

21 **WHEREAS,** in early 2021 the 3 subcommittees had heard from their
22 Subject Matter Experts at least in monthly meetings, if not more
23 frequently, on the many nuances contained even in the narrowed Special
24 Committee focus of flooding, sea level rise and high intensity storm
25 events; and

26 **WHEREAS,** the Northeast Florida Regional Council ("NEFRC") was
27 instrumental in compiling and assimilating all the information
28 provided by these Subject Matter Experts into three subcommittee
29 reports that were then brought by the Chair of each subcommittee to
30 the full Special Committee for approval, which was granted; now,

1 therefore

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

3 **Section 1. Approval of Report and Recommendations.** The City
4 Council hereby recognizes and approves the City Council Special
5 Committee on Resiliency Final Report, dated February 2021, **On File**
6 with the City Council Legislative Services Division.

7 **Section 2. Statement of Appreciation for the Time and**
8 **Efforts of the Subject Matter Experts and the Northeast Florida**
9 **Regional Council.** The citizens of the City of Jacksonville are
10 fortunate to have so many talented and diverse leaders in its
11 community that would take their time, and share their knowledge, to
12 assist in the City of Jacksonville's effort to grapple with the
13 daunting task of Resiliency. Without their efforts this Report would
14 not have been possible. Likewise, the staff of the Northeast Florida
15 Regional Council provided not only guidance in this journey, but also
16 the connection to many of the speakers at the Committee and
17 subcommittee meetings, and the putting of pen to paper that created
18 this Final Report. The City of Jacksonville offers its sincere
19 gratitude.

20 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon the signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Kealey A. West

27 Office of General Counsel

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