Introduced by Council Member Peluso and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Salem and Pittman:

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RESOLUTION 2025-114-A

2025 Α RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, endometriosis is a complex chronic disease which can cause fatigue, heavy menstrual cycles, intestinal issues debilitating pain in women of all ages and races; and

WHEREAS, endometriosis occurs in 1 in 10 women of reproductive age and there is no known cure; a lack of knowledge of the disease combined with stigma causes an average delay of ten years from onset of symptoms to diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, endometriosis affects all domains of life, including relationships, finances and career growth; women with endometriosis have been shown to have a greater risk for cancer, heart disease, and infertility; and

WHEREAS, endometriosis diagnosis and treatment are affected by health disparities throughout gynecological care, and there is a great need for further awareness, education, clinical research and more culturally competent treatment options for endometriosis; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual Shed A Light on ENDO event taking place on March 9, 2025, will connect individuals to resources, raise awareness, and support those living with endometriosis in the Jacksonville community; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby recognizes March 2025 as Endometriosis Awareness Month, an opportunity to understand more

about this condition, what symptoms to look for, and potential treatment options. The City Council encourages all citizens to wear yellow throughout the month and raise awareness about endometriosis in Jacksonville.

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

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