

Introduced by Council Member Johnson:

RESOLUTION 2025-700

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING PAT GERAGHTY FOR HIS YEARS OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND INNOVATION, AND RECOGNIZING HIS EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY IMPACT AND HIS LIFETIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM GUIDEWELL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Pat Geraghty has dedicated more than a quarter of a century to transforming healthcare in America, carrying vision and conviction from New Jersey to Minnesota, and finally to Florida, where his hand and heart reshaped GuideWell into a beacon of innovation; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Geraghty's leadership since 2011, a single-state insurer known as Florida Blue evolved into a \$30 billion health solutions enterprise, serving more than 38.5 million people across 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands - a feat so groundbreaking in scope that it is studied as a capstone case at Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geraghty has been recognized not only for fiscal stewardship, turning losses into gains, charting new models of cost and care, and tripling revenues, but also for the profound humanitarian ethic that guided his decisions, ensuring wellness and prevention became pillars of a healthier tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, beyond corporate walls, Mr. Geraghty has served as Chair of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), a board leader for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, National Institute for Health Care Management, TECO, and the Florida Council of 100, bringing wisdom

1 to governors and policymakers alike, shaping health care policy from
2 Tallahassee to Washington, D.C.; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Geraghty's service to community is equally
4 distinguished through support for the American Cancer Society, the
5 United Way, and the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation, embodying
6 the truth that leadership is not measured solely in balance sheets,
7 but in lives uplifted and futures secured; and

8 **WHEREAS,** for his commitment and impact, Mr. Geraghty has been
9 honored with awards including Florida Atlantic University Business
10 Leader of the Year, the OneJax Humanitarian Silver Medallion, the
11 American Cancer Society's St. George National Award, and Florida
12 Trend's Floridian of the Year, among many others; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Geraghty's career is a testament to what it means
14 to be a change agent, an innovator, and above all, a servant leader
15 who believes that health is the great equalizer of opportunity, and
16 that communities flourish when care is accessible, equitable, and
17 transformative; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends Pat
20 Geraghty for his decades of service, his profound contributions to
21 health care innovation, and his lasting impact upon this city, this
22 state, and this nation. The Council further recognizes his retirement
23 from GuideWell, offering gratitude for his vision, compassion, and
24 enduring example of leadership that blends business acumen with civic
25 purpose.

26 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.
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Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGillis

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