

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-82**

5 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
6 SENSELESS KILLING OF BREON ALLEN; CALLING ON
7 JACKSONVILLE CITIZENS, OFFICIALS AND
8 ORGANIZATIONS TO RALLY AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE;
9 EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE
10 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ITS
11 INVESTIGATION OF THIS HEINOUS CRIME; HONORING
12 BREON ALLEN'S LIFE; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
13 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, Breon Allen, a bright and beloved 7-year-old boy,
16 tragically lost his life on Friday, January 19, 2025, as the youngest
17 victim of gun violence in Jacksonville this year; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Breon was murdered by gunfire in a senseless act of
19 violence on Commonwealth Avenue, which critically injured his 21-
20 year-old cousin, further devastating his family and community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Breon's untimely death has left his family, friends
22 and neighbors mourning the loss of a young life filled with promise
23 and potential, while also showing the continued prevalence of gun
24 violence in our city; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the profound impact of
26 this tragedy on our community and the urgent need to address the
27 systemic issues contributing to such violence; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office continues to
29 investigate the incident and urges anyone with information to come
30 forward to ensure justice is served; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Breon Allen's death underscores the critical

1 importance of collective action to create safer communities and ensure
2 that no other family has to endure such a heartbreaking loss; now
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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

5 **Section 1. Statement of Condolences.** The City Council
6 hereby expresses its deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to
7 the family, friends and loved ones of Breon Allen. His life, though
8 tragically short, will be remembered with love and honor.

9 **Section 2. Call to Action Against Gun Violence.** The City
10 Council calls upon all residents, community organizations, faith
11 leaders, law enforcement agencies and city officials to work
12 collaboratively to address and reduce gun violence in our City. Let
13 this tragedy serve as a rallying cry for unity and action.

14 **Section 3. Commitment to Justice.** The City Council
15 supports the ongoing efforts of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to
16 investigate this heinous crime and encourages all residents to assist
17 by providing information that may lead to the apprehension and
18 prosecution of those responsible.

19 **Section 4. Honoring Breon Allen's Life.** The City Council
20 encourages the community to come together in remembrance of Breon
21 Allen by fostering safe spaces for children, promoting youth programs
22 and supporting initiatives aimed at violent crime prevention.

23 **Section 5. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
24 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
25 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
26 emergency is that the City Council wishes to address this tragic
27 incident and commemorate the loss of a young life in a timely manner.

28 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

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