

1 Introduced by Council Members Ferraro and Becton and Co-Sponsored
2 by Council Members Salem, Morgan, DeFoor, Dennis, Priestly-Jackson,
3 Boylan, Pittman, Carlucci, and Newby:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-499**

7 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JEA LINEWORKERS ON
8 FLORIDA LINEWORKERS APPRECIATION DAY;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS,** *Florida House Resolution 9089: Lineworker*
12 *Appreciation Day*, was introduced by Representative Seth McKeel and
13 adopted on March 3rd, 2012, designating August 26th as Lineworker
14 Appreciation Day in the State of Florida; and

15 **WHEREAS,** Florida Lineworker Appreciation Day was created to
16 show gratitude to the men and women who risk their lives daily to
17 ensure reliable delivery of electricity throughout Florida. It was
18 designated by the Florida House of Representatives in 2012 in
19 memory of Marc Moore, a lineworker for Lakeland Electric, who was
20 tragically killed while serving his community in 2002; and

21 **WHEREAS,** national studies consistently rank power line
22 installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the
23 country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing
24 heavy safety equipment and working directly with high voltages
25 creates the perfect storm for a dangerous and unforgiving
26 profession. Despite the long hours and dangerous conditions,
27 lineworkers are up to the task; and

28 **WHEREAS,** to perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers
29 depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get
30 the job done safely. Equally important is their reliance on a
31 strong support system at home, a lineworker's family understands

1 and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community
2 during severe storms and power outages. This means that in times of
3 prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal
4 communication and not see each other for several days. Without
5 strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would
6 be all the more difficult; and

7 **WHEREAS**, at JEA, 190 Overhead and Underground lineworkers
8 literally put their lives on the line each day in order to ensure
9 the people and businesses in our community have access to
10 affordable, reliable power. When there is an outage situation, they
11 are the first ones on the scene working long hours under incredibly
12 challenging circumstances to get power restored as quickly and
13 safely as possible; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes and
16 commends JEA Overhead and Underground lineworkers upon Florida
17 Lineworker Appreciation Day for their dedication and commitment
18 under all conditions, and for ensuring that our community is
19 provided with safe, reliable electric power.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon 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/ Margaret M. Sidman

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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