

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci, Peluso, Johnson, Salem, J.
2 Carlucci, and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-570**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING LLOYD
7 WASHINGTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
8 DURKEEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FOR HIS
9 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESERVATION
10 AND CELEBRATION OF JACKSONVILLE'S AFRICAN
11 AMERICAN HISTORY AND HERITAGE; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS,** the City Council of Jacksonville wishes to recognize
15 individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to
16 the cultural, historical, and educational enrichment of our city; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Lloyd Washington has served as President of the
18 Durkeeville Historical Society since 2011, joining the organization
19 in 2008, and has dedicated himself to preserving the legacy of
20 Jacksonville's historically Black neighborhoods, including
21 Durkeeville and LaVilla; and

22 **WHEREAS,** under Mr. Washington's leadership, the Durkeeville
23 Historical Society has grown into a respected cultural institution,
24 curating historical exhibits, leading educational tours, and engaging
25 in public history initiatives that have informed, inspired, and
26 empowered residents of all backgrounds; and

27 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Washington's work was instrumental in securing
28 historic designation for the Durkeeville neighborhood in 2022,
29 formally recognizing it as Jacksonville's first historically African
30 American neighborhood, and ensuring its cultural and architectural
31 legacy is protected for future generations; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Washington played a pivotal role in the creation
2 of Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park, a cultural landmark located near
3 the childhood home of James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson,
4 where he advocated for more than 17 years to see the project come to
5 fruition, ultimately dedicating the park with historical markers and
6 a vision for public art and civic memory; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Washington has been a tireless advocate for the
8 preservation and revitalization of J.P. Small Memorial Stadium, a
9 historic Negro Leagues ballpark in Durkeeville, helping secure
10 \$500,000 in state funding in 2018 and supporting ongoing renovations
11 including an expanded museum exhibit titled "The Legend of Black
12 Baseball," preserving the legacies of Hank Aaron, the Jacksonville
13 Red Caps, and many others; and

14 **WHEREAS,** in addition to his work with the Durkeeville
15 Historical Society, Mr. Washington served as President of the Grand
16 Park Community Association for 16 years, where he advocated for
17 infrastructure improvements, public safety, and neighborhood
18 revitalization in Northwest Jacksonville; and

19 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Washington has held numerous civic leadership
20 roles, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville
21 Housing Partnership, the Weed and Seed program, the Northwest
22 Jacksonville Community Development Council, and the Jacksonville City
23 Council Task Force on Civil Rights History; and

24 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Washington has demonstrated an unwavering
25 commitment to community engagement, historical preservation, and
26 public education, working tirelessly to ensure that the achievements,
27 struggles, and contributions of African Americans in Jacksonville are
28 remembered and honored; and

29 **WHEREAS,** his efforts have not only enhanced the cultural fabric
30 of Jacksonville but also helped foster a greater understanding and
31 appreciation for the city's diverse heritage; and

1 **WHEREAS,** the City Council recognizes Mr. Washington's
2 dedication, passion, and services as an inspiring example of civic
3 leadership and community pride; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
6 Lloyd Washington, Executive Director of the Durkeeville Historical
7 Society, for his outstanding service to the City of Jacksonville and
8 his exceptional contributions to the preservation of African American
9 history and heritage.

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

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14 Form Approved:

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16 _____/s/ S MacGillis_____
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Office of General Counsel

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