

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and Co-sponsored by Council Members  
2 Becton, Morgan, Ferraro and Diamond:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-739-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HECKSCHER DRIVE  
7 COMMUNITY CLUB ON ITS 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY; PROVIDING  
8 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, on October 9, 1950, a few neighborhood women on  
11 Heckscher Drive met to consider a club whose purpose was to promote  
12 community spirit among new and residing neighbors, and to seek  
13 improvement in the community with the aid of all to the denunciation  
14 of none, and to create a charitable and social institution for the  
15 benefit of those who need assistance and restitution; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Heckscher Drive Community Club was duly organized  
17 with Ms. Myrtle McKenna as the president and in 1952 became a non-  
18 profit corporation, and during the 1950's the Club pursued the intent  
19 of its charter and was instrumental in numerous community improvements  
20 including initiating mosquito control to the area, protecting sea  
21 oats, and seeking funds for a fire truck to be stationed at Fort  
22 George; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on June 17, 1960, members held the first meeting in the  
24 newly built clubhouse, which then and now, has been a community  
25 resource for social, educational and governmental functions for over  
26 60 years, and the Club has been actively involved in local government,  
27 including proceedings of the Jacksonville City Council, and the City  
28 of Jacksonville Planning Commission, most particularly on issues of  
29 conservation and land use affecting the Heckscher Drive community and  
30 has received commendations and awards recognizing the clubs  
31 environmental consciousness; and

1           **WHEREAS**, throughout its 70 years, the Heckscher Drive Community  
2 Club has pursued its mission of service and civic representation to  
3 the residents throughout the 10-mile corridor neighborhood,  
4 affectionately known as "Our North Florida Keys" and intends to  
5 continue the same for the future; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the membership of the Club have applied for and  
7 received, city grant funding for a town center initiative that has  
8 resulted in signage on each of the seven islands that comprise the  
9 neighborhood and the North Florida Keys, and also have continued to  
10 maintain and beautify the historic clubhouse and it's grounds located  
11 on the St. Johns River next to Fire Station 40 with Club funds,  
12 volunteers, and monetary assistance from the City of Jacksonville  
13 community grants awards program over the past 10 years; now therefore

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

15           **Section 1.**           The City of Jacksonville hereby congratulates  
16 and commends the membership of Heckscher Drive Community Club on the  
17 Club's 70th anniversary celebration and extends the City's very best  
18 wishes for many more years of active service to the community of  
19 Heckscher Drive and to all the citizens of Jacksonville, Florida.

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/ Paige H. Johnston          

27 Office of General Counsel

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