

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Salem, Johnson, Pittman, and  
2 Howland and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Arias, Miller, Carrico,  
3 Freeman and Amaro:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-568-A**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES COAST  
8 GUARD SECTOR JACKSONVILLE CHANGE OF COMMAND,  
9 HONORING CAPTAIN JANET D. ESPINO-YOUNG FOR HER  
10 LEADERSHIP, AND WELCOMING CAPTAIN JASON ALEKSAK  
11 TO HIS NEW ROLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville held  
14 a Change of Command ceremony in July 2025 at the Jacksonville Public  
15 Library, a time-honored tradition in military leadership that  
16 formally acknowledges the transfer of authority and responsibility  
17 from one commanding officer to another; and

18 **WHEREAS**, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville is a vital  
19 operational command, responsible for protecting more than 40,000  
20 square miles of ocean and inland waterways, including the St. Johns  
21 River and major port facilities, while executing critical missions  
22 such as search and rescue, maritime safety and security, and  
23 environmental protection; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Captain Janet D. Espino-Young, who enlisted in the U.S.  
25 Coast Guard in 1995, has served with distinction in a variety of  
26 leadership roles across the country, including assignments in  
27 Governor's Island, Chincoteague, Miami, Morgan City, San Juan, and  
28 within the Seventh Coast Guard District; and

29 **WHEREAS**, during her career, Captain Espino-Young oversaw a wide  
30 range of Coast Guard missions and served in key positions such as  
31 pollution responder, marine inspector, and Chief of Inspection-

1 Prevention Department Head. She contributed to efforts addressing  
2 overseas marine casualty investigations, shipboard fires, salvage  
3 operations, and Port State Control matters for the Caribbean region;  
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, Captain Jason Aleksak, formerly the Chief, Office of  
6 Boat Forces, has assumed command of Sector Jacksonville, bringing  
7 with him extensive operational experience and a strong track record  
8 in maritime mission leadership and interagency coordination; now  
9 therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Captain  
12 Janet D. Espino-Young for her exemplary service, leadership, and  
13 contributions to maritime safety and national security through her  
14 command at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, and congratulates  
15 Captain Jason Aleksak on assuming command, and welcomes him in his  
16 new capacity, expressing confidence in his leadership and his  
17 commitment to sustaining U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville.

18 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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