

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Salem, Johnson, Pittman, and
2 Howland and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Arias:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-568**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES COAST
7 GUARD SECTOR JACKSONVILLE CHANGE OF COMMAND,
8 HONORING CAPTAIN JANET D. ESPINO-YOUNG FOR HER
9 LEADERSHIP, AND WELCOMING CAPTAIN JASON ALEKSAK
10 TO HIS NEW ROLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS,** the United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville
13 held a Change of Command ceremony in July 2025 at the Jacksonville
14 Public Library, a time-honored tradition in military leadership that
15 formally acknowledges the transfer of authority and responsibility
16 from one commanding officer to another; and

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

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

28 **WHEREAS,** during her career, Captain Espino-Young oversaw a
29 wide range of Coast Guard missions and served in key positions such
30 as pollution responder, marine inspector, and Chief of Inspection-
31 Prevention Department Head. She contributed to efforts addressing

1 overseas marine casualty investigations, shipboard fires, salvage
2 operations, and Port State Control matters for the Caribbean region;
3 and

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

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

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

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

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ S MacGillis

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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