

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-901**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING SHERROD T.
6 BROWN FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS
7 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PERFORMING ARTS; REQUESTING
8 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
9 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, born and raised in Duval County, Sherrod T. Brown is a
12 proud native of Jacksonville, and he has dedicated his life to
13 excellence in the performing arts, carrying with him the values,
14 spirit, and cultural richness of his hometown; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville shaped Sherrod T. Brown's early foundation
16 as an artist, providing him with encouragement, education, and
17 formative opportunities that ignited his lifelong journey in music,
18 dance, theatre, and creative expression; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Sherrod T. Brown's celebrated career spans Broadway,
20 national touring productions, and major entertainment platforms,
21 beginning with his standout debut in *Jesus Christ Superstar* as
22 Judas/Simon Zealotes, where his talent and presence captured national
23 attention; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Sherrod T. Brown further represented Jacksonville's
25 vibrancy and athletic artistry as a professional dancer for the NBA's
26 Orlando Magic, showcasing his triple-threat abilities on one of the
27 nation's most visible sports stages; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Sherrod T. Brown achieved international distinction
29 when he was personally selected by Oscar nominee Hugh Jackman to
30 perform as a featured soloist in Hugh Jackman's residency show, "Hugh
31 Jackman: From New York, With Love," at Radio City Music Hall from

1 January through October of 2025, performing songs like "Never Enough,"
2 an extraordinary honor on one of the world's most iconic stages and
3 reached tens of thousands nationwide; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Sherrod T. Brown continues to elevate Jacksonville's
5 artistic identity as a cast member of the 2026 Broadway Company of
6 *Cats*, one of the most beloved and enduring musicals in theatrical
7 history; and

8 **WHEREAS**, beyond performance, Sherrod T. Brown actively enriches
9 the cultural ecosystem by developing innovative artistic pathways,
10 including orchestral projects such as *The Singer-Songwriter Suite*,
11 which merges Broadway, classical traditions, and popular music,
12 bridging communities and expanding artistic visibility for future
13 generations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Sherrod T. Brown has brought significant honor to the
15 City of Jacksonville through his commitment to representing his
16 hometown with excellence, integrity, and civic pride, serving as a
17 role model for aspiring artists and a testament to the power of
18 homegrown talent; now therefore

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

20 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and celebrates
21 Sherrod T. Brown for his outstanding contributions to the performing
22 arts, and for his national and international accomplishments. The
23 Council recognizes the broader cultural importance of elevating local
24 artists and appreciates Mr. Brown as an inspiration for bold dreams
25 and for his enduring legacy in Jacksonville and beyond.

26 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
27 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
28 introduction of this Resolution is requested. The nature of the
29 emergency is the desire to timely recognize Mr. Brown this month
30 while he is in Jacksonville.

31 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

7 Office of General Counsel

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