

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-322**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
6 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS 31ST
7 ANNUAL "STAMP OUT HUNGER" FOOD DRIVE OCCURING ON
8 MAY 13, 2023, AND URGING THE JACKSONVILLE
9 COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART BY LEAVING NON-PERISHABLE
10 FOOD DONATIONS BY THEIR MAILBOX ON SATURDAY, MAY
11 13TH; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
12 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, currently there are more than 42 million Americans
15 who are unsure where their next meal will come from, of which more
16 than 12 million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall
17 health and ability to perform in school; and

18 **WHEREAS**, nearly 5.2 million seniors over age 60 are food
19 insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often required to make
20 a choice between paying for medication or purchasing food; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Letter Carriers ("NALC")
22 National Food Drive is the outgrowth of a long-standing tradition of
23 community service exhibited repeatedly by members of the letter
24 carrier union over the years; and

25 **WHEREAS**, letter carriers throughout the country visit
26 neighborhoods in every town six (now seven) days a week and have made
27 it their mission to get involved in helping their communities, whether
28 it be collecting funds for charities such as the Muscular Dystrophy
29 Association, watching over the elderly through the Carrier Alert
30 program, assisting the American Red Cross during times of disaster,
31 or rescuing victims of fires, crimes, and other mishaps; and

1 **WHEREAS,** for many years, several branches of the NALC have
2 collected food for those in need as part of their community service
3 efforts by making additional runs on their routes after hours; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the national coordinated effort by the NALC to help
5 fight hunger in America began in October of 1991 when a pilot food
6 drive was held in ten cities throughout the country, with the City
7 of Jacksonville proudly included amongst the original ten
8 participating cities; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the pilot food drive proved to be so successful that
10 work commenced immediately to make it a nationwide effort and over
11 the course of its 30-year history the NALC food drive has collected
12 over 1.82 billion pounds of food for those in need; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the NALC food drive occurs annually on the second
14 Saturday in May, and this year the 31st Annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Food
15 Drive will occur on May 13, 2023, when letter carriers across the
16 country will collect non-perishable food donations that will go
17 directly to several local food pantries; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes and commends
20 the National Association of Letter Carriers on its 31st Annual "Stamp
21 Out Hunger" Food Drive as our letter carriers fight to assist citizens
22 in meeting one of the most basic human needs. The Council urges
23 members of the Jacksonville community to take part in the NALC's Food
24 Drive by placing non-perishable food donations in a bag by their
25 mailboxes on Saturday, May 13th.

26 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
27 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
28 of this Resolution is requested in order to recognize the 31st Annual
29 "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive which occurs on May 13, 2023, in a
30 timely manner.

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/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

7 Office of General Counsel

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