

Introduced by Council Member Peluso:

ORDINANCE 2026-643

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE CIP DEBT SERVICE REPAYMENT - ISA-DEBT MANAGEMENT FUND - INTEREST ACCOUNT TO THE SPOD OFFICE OF SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT - OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION - EVENT CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR A CITY SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2026 UNITY CLASSIC; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Exhibit 1** \$25,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$25,000

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of \$25,000 from the CIP Debt Service Repayment - ISA-Debt Management Fund - Interest account to the SPOD Office of Sports and Entertainment - Other Culture & Recreation - Event

Contribution account to provide funds for a City sponsorship of the 2026 Unity Classic.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide funds for a City sponsorship of the 2026 Unity Classic to be held in Jacksonville August 27, 2026 through August 29, 2026. The 2026 Unity Classic will bring together Edward Waters University and Florida Memorial University for a series of activities that celebrate tradition, opportunity, and community. The weekend will kick off with the Unity Classic Golf Tournament and will end with the Unity Classic Football game at Nathaniel Glover Community Field and Stadium. Other event activities include a community service project, college recruitment visits, and an on-campus college recruitment experience for the student participants. The City's sponsorship will enable event organizers to expand event-related scholarship opportunities, strengthen their workforce development and college recruitment initiatives, and will help to establish the Unity Classic as one of Jacksonville's premier community events.

Section 3. Oversight. The Office of Sports and Entertainment shall oversee the project described herein.

Section 4. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is the 2026 Unity Classic event will begin on August 27, 2026, and the Council would like to ensure these funds are available to the Office of Sports and Entertainment in advance of the event.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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