

1 Introduced by Council President Hazouri & Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Becton, Morgan and Bowman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-92-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE  
7 NORTHEAST FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED  
8 CROSS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 107<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
9 OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY DURING NATIONAL  
10 RED CROSS MONTH IN MARCH; PROVIDING AN  
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization  
14 founded in 1881 and originally chartered by Congress as a federal  
15 instrumentality in 1900, but receives no federal funding. American  
16 Red Cross disaster assistance is free, and 90 cents of every dollar  
17 donated goes directly to mission service delivery; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross responds to more than 70,000  
19 disasters annually, and delivers vital services to members of the  
20 Armed Forces, their families, and Veterans at home and overseas,  
21 and provided lifesaving health and safety training to more than  
22 five million people in 2020; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross and its Northeast Florida  
24 Chapter have delivered these vital services without interruption  
25 and with scrupulous attention to client and volunteer safety  
26 throughout the COVID-19 epidemic; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red  
28 Cross in 2020 helped more than 1,900 family members affected by  
29 more than 550 home fires or other disasters, hosted more than a  
30 dozen blood drives throughout the region, including collections  
31 targeted at Sickle Cell Disease and vital minority blood-type

1 collections, and regionally provided more than 23,000 vital  
2 services to military members, veterans, and families, and deployed  
3 more than 500 of its 1,600 volunteers in response to hurricanes and  
4 other disasters; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross has repeatedly answered the  
6 call to assist Northeast Florida, beginning with the Yellow Fever  
7 epidemic of 1888, including support in Jacksonville to American  
8 troops during the Spanish America War, then later providing relief  
9 to those affected by Jacksonville's Great Fire of 1901; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red  
11 Cross provides its humanitarian services across thirteen counties  
12 in Northeast Florida and is the headquarters for the 35-county Red  
13 Cross North Florida Region stretching from the First Coast across  
14 the entire length of the Florida Panhandle, and

15 **WHEREAS**, March is recognized as "American Red Cross Month,"  
16 across this nation; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes and  
19 honors the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northeast Florida Chapter of the  
20 American Red Cross during National Red Cross Month in March and  
21 commends the volunteers and paid staff of the North Florida Region  
22 for their continuing humanitarian service to our city and to the  
23 State of Florida.

24 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
26 without the Mayor's signature.

27 Form Approved:

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29 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

30 Office of General Counsel

31 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

