

Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Diamond, Salem, Arias, Howland, Miller, Carrico, White and Gay and amended by the Finance Committee:

RESOLUTION 2025-259-A

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR DESANTIS'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25-44 AND VOLUNTARILY REQUESTING A FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE/DUVAL COUNTY'S BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ONCE ADOPTED, TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY TEAM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 25-44 establishing within the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG), an EOG Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Team; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 25-44 specifies, in part, that the EOG DOGE Team shall be responsible for "recommending legislative reforms to promote efficiency, maximize productivity, and eliminate waste in state and local government"; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 25-44 also requires state agencies to establish an Agency DOGE Team with a number of responsibilities aimed at promoting efficiency, maximizing productivity, and eliminating waste including by identifying any

1 pending or funded federal grant awards that are inconsistent with the
2 policies of the State of Florida and that should be returned to the
3 American taxpayer; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Executive Order Number 25-44 further stipulates that
5 State Agency DOGE Teams shall also consider and make recommendations
6 regarding how modern technology can be leveraged to eliminate
7 duplication of services, reduce fees, and cut overhead; and

8 **WHEREAS,** in keeping with Executive Order Number 25-44, and
9 ongoing efforts to identify and eliminate waste and fraud, the
10 Jacksonville City Council wishes to partner with the Florida
11 Department of Government Efficiency to ensure fiscal responsibility
12 and transparency in spending taxpayer money; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its support of
15 Governor DeSantis's Executive Order Number 25-44 and the State of
16 Florida's effort to review local spending and financial practices,
17 and hereby voluntarily requests a financial review of the City of
18 Jacksonville/Duval County's budget and expenditures using publicly
19 available information to identify and report unnecessary spending,
20 by the Florida Department of Government Efficiency.

21 **Section 2. Directive to Legislative Services Division.** The
22 Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to provide a copy
23 of this Resolution, once adopted, to the Executive Office of the
24 Governor, Department of Government Efficiency Team.

25 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
27 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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