

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Freeman, Lahnen, White, Miller, Clark-Murray and Peluso:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-259-A**

6 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE
7 NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS ASSOCIATION TO LOBBY
8 FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS
9 FOR THE SAFETY OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES;
10 DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
11 TO FORWARD COPIES OF THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION TO
12 THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA
13 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION; PROVIDING AN
14 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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16 **WHEREAS**, the United States Postal Service provides an
17 invaluable service to every community and home in our nation, linking
18 individuals, families, businesses, and organizations with reliable
19 and affordable mail and package delivery service; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the front-line workers who have the greatest impact
21 on our mail service are the letter carriers who make deliveries to
22 every address; and

23 **WHEREAS**, there has been an alarming trend in recent years of
24 threats, attacks upon, and thefts from letter carriers in
25 Jacksonville, the State of Florida and across the United States; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Letter Carriers reported
27 that in Jacksonville last year, there were a dozen smash-and-grab
28 thefts and six postal workers attacked on the job, including two
29 letter carriers held at gunpoint; and

30 **WHEREAS**, in Florida between 2019 and 2022, the National
31 Association of Letter Carriers reported that over 100 letter carriers

1 were assaulted and 50 were the victims of robberies; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives has
3 introduced the bi-partisan Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (POLCA)
4 providing 7 billion dollars in funding for the Postal Service to
5 secure its infrastructure, including the installation of
6 high-security collection boxes and the replacement of items carried
7 by letter carriers with more secure electronic versions and to
8 increase prosecutions and penalties for threats to or assaults on
9 postal workers by designating prosecutors in each of the 93 U.S.
10 Attorney's Offices across the country to prosecute such activities;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council supports the safety and
13 protection of these vital public servants who serve the public every
14 day; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its support of
17 the efforts of the National Letter Carriers Association to lobby for
18 federal legislation to increase the safety and protection of employees
19 of the U.S. Postal Service, particularly letter carriers, in order
20 to protect these dedicated public servants and the vital service they
21 provide to every American household and business.

22 **Section 2. Direction to Legislative Services.** The
23 Council's Legislative Services Division is directed to forward copies
24 of this adopted Resolution to the members of Jacksonville's
25 Congressional Delegation.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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