

1 Introduced by Council Members Diamond, Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J.
2 Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Howland, Johnson, Salem and
3 White and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Pittman and Carlucci:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-474-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING KRISTEN
8 REED ON LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE
9 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ON THE
10 OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS,** Kristen Reed earned her Associate of Arts degree from
14 Polk Community College and her bachelor's degree Magna Cum Laude from
15 the University of North Florida in political science and public
16 administration in 2000. While at UNF she held an internship with the
17 City's Planning and Development Department, getting an introduction
18 to the planning profession; and

19 **WHEREAS,** immediately after graduating from UNF, Ms. Reed
20 joined the Planning and Development Department as an Assistant Planner
21 and was promoted over time to the positions of Planner, Planner
22 Manager and Planner Supervisor. During those years she assisted in
23 the preparation of special plans, studies, and regulations, produced
24 quarterly and annual statistical reports, and managed the land use
25 and Comprehensive Plan text amendment process; and

26 **WHEREAS,** in 2015 Kristen Reed was appointed Chief of the
27 Community Planning Division, the division responsible for managing
28 and amending the Comprehensive Plan and preparing the periodic
29 Evaluation and Review (EAR) reports for the state on the Comprehensive
30 Plan; for managing the City's historic preservation planning process,
31 including the Historic Preservation Commission; for preparing special

1 planning studies including Neighborhood Action Plans, District Plans,
2 Special Study Areas, and corridor studies; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Reed is the City's acknowledged expert on the
4 Comprehensive Plan, having worked with, analyzed and interpreted it
5 for more than 20 years and having been responsible for leading the
6 process of revising the original plan to create the 2030 and now 2045
7 Comprehensive Plans; and

8 **WHEREAS,** throughout her career Kristen Reed has exhibited
9 great skill in balancing the competing forces involved in planning
10 for the future of our communities and has been an excellent
11 communicator of technical and sometimes confusing principles and
12 procedures to elected officials and the general public and has
13 facilitated fruitful dialogue among all interested parties on the way
14 to resolution of sometimes thorny issues; and

15 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Reed has been the consummate public servant,
16 acting with integrity, leading her staff with fairness, and
17 facilitating the public policy process with patience, expertise and
18 a desire to reach the best possible outcome for all concerned; now
19 therefore

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

21 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
22 Kristen Reed on her 24-year tenure with the Planning and Development
23 Department and thanks her for her outstanding work as she departs for
24 a new career in the private sector. Ms. Reed has been a stalwart at
25 the department and has served the City and its citizens with
26 professionalism and integrity which will be long remembered with
27 gratitude and appreciation.

28 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 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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