

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Morgan, Pittman, Becton, Boylan, Diamond, Howland,
3 Newby, Priestly Jackson, Carrico, and Freeman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-799-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING NINA WATERS
8 ON HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE JACKSONVILLE
9 COMMUNITY AS SHE ANNOUNCES HER RETIREMENT FROM
10 THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR
11 NORTHEAST FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, Nina Waters, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, came
14 to Jacksonville in 1976 to attend Jacksonville University and built
15 an impressive professional career in the city following her
16 graduation; and

17 **WHEREAS**, from 1989 to 2001 Ms. Waters was Executive Director of
18 the PACE Center for Girls Jacksonville, where she completed a \$2.5
19 million capital campaign, assisted in the oversight of construction
20 of a new 20,000 square foot facility and facilitated the relocation
21 of the program to the Thompson-Weaver campus on University Boulevard
22 North; and

23 **WHEREAS**, following her success at the PACE Center, Nina Waters
24 joined the staff at the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida,
25 Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, as Executive Vice
26 President. After three years she was named President of the foundation
27 and has served the organization splendidly in that capacity for nearly
28 18 years; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Waters' accomplishments at the Community Foundation
30 are numerous and substantial. She launched the Quality Education for
31 All initiative in 2005, which led to the creation of the Jacksonville

1 Public Education Fund and culminated in the announcement of a \$50
2 million fund for local education investment. She also assisted in the
3 development of the Women's Giving Alliance, the Foundation's first
4 giving circle, the LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida and the
5 A. L. Lewis Black Opportunity & Impact Fund. The Community
6 Foundation's assets have grown more than ten-fold during her
7 presidency and annual grants to the community have increased five-
8 fold in that time, to more than \$43 million in 2021; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Nina Waters has also been deeply involved in
10 philanthropy, education, and community improvement in a variety of
11 other ways. A small sampling of her volunteerism and leadership
12 positions include membership on the governing boards of the
13 Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the Nemours Foundation,
14 Jacksonville University and the JU Public Policy Institute, the
15 Jacksonville Civic Council, the Uptown Civitan Club and the Women's
16 Giving Alliance Steering Committee. She is a Past Chair of the
17 Southeastern Council of Foundations and had been a board member of
18 the National Center for Family Philanthropy, the Florida
19 Philanthropic Network and Past-President of Community Foundations of
20 Florida; and

21 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Waters' outstanding work has been recognized by
22 numerous organizations. A very brief listing of her awards includes
23 induction into the First Coast Hall of Fame, the *Florida Times-Union*
24 EVE Award for Employment, The OneJax Institute Humanitarian Award,
25 the Jacksonville University Distinguished Alumni Award, the Nonprofit
26 Center of Northeast Florida Sector Advocate Award, the Gateway Girl
27 Scout Council Woman of Distinction Award and the Prudential Foundation
28 Leadership Award; and

29 **WHEREAS,** Nina Waters has recently announced her intention to
30 retire from the Presidency of the Community Foundation in 2023 after
31 a long and distinguished career; now therefore

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

2 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends Nina
3 Waters on her many years of service to the Jacksonville community as
4 she prepares to retire from the Presidency of the Community Foundation
5 for Northeast Florida. Ms. Waters' decades of service to our city and
6 region are the consummate example of servant leadership, and the City
7 Council expresses its tremendous gratitude for her leadership,
8 inspiration, and foresight in making Jacksonville and Northeast
9 Florida the best community it can be for all its citizens.

10 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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