

1 Introduced by Council Members Diamond, Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J.  
2 Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Howland, Johnson, Salem and  
3 White:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-474**

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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