

1 Introduced by Council President Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-290**

5 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR,
6 AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF, AN APPLICATION BY
7 THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNSEL
8 NOMINATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE
9 ON CRITICAL QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES FOR AN
10 AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA CHAPTER,
11 2023 PROJECT AWARD IN THE BEST PRACTICES AWARD
12 CATEGORY; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
13 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter
16 ("APA Florida"), has announced the opening of its 2023 Project Awards
17 Program application cycle; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the 2023 Project Awards Program provides APA Florida
19 the opportunity to recognize outstanding planning projects in the
20 State of Florida by offering awards in the following seven categories:
21 (1) Implementation, (2) Comprehensive Planning, (3) Best Practices,
22 (4) Grass Roots Initiatives, (5) Neighborhood Planning, (6)
23 Innovation in Planning for All Ages, and (7) Outstanding Student
24 Project; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida Regional Counsel ("NEFRC") has
26 specifically identified the "Best Practices Award" as the category
27 for which it desires to nominate the City to recognize the work of
28 the City Council's Special Committee on Critical Quality of Life
29 Issues (the "CQLI"); and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Best Practices Award category is targeted toward
31 efforts that emphasize results and demonstrate how innovative and

1 state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help to implement a
2 plan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, NEFRC proposes the City be nominated for this award
4 because of the CQLI's efforts and results in fostering greater
5 participation in community planning and to highlight that the CQLI
6 Final Report reflects how affordable housing, homelessness and
7 healthcare issues are all intertwined; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1. City Council Support.** The City Council hereby
10 supports and authorizes the Northeast Florida Regional Council to
11 submit an application to the American Planning Association, Florida
12 Chapter, nominating the City Council Special Committee on Critical
13 Quality of Life Issues for a 2023 Project Award in the Best Practices
14 Award category, recognizing the hard work of the CQLI in fostering
15 greater participation in community planning.

16 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
17 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
18 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
19 emergency is that the award nomination application must be submitted
20 on or before May 5, 2023. Therefore, the April 25, 2023, Council
21 meeting is the last opportunity for the City Council to express its
22 support and authorize this nomination on the City's behalf.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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