

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-76**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING GIRL SCOUTS
6 OF GATEWAY COUNCIL, INC. FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
7 TO THE COMMUNITY; DECLARING JANUARY 2 - MARCH
8 16, 2025, AS "GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SEASON" IN
9 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS,** Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. is the largest
12 Girl Scout council in Florida, serving more than 6,000 girls across
13 35 counties, including Jacksonville, and inspiring them to lead with
14 courage, confidence and character; and

15 **WHEREAS,** Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc., a valued partner
16 in empowering young women, has a storied history of providing
17 mentorship, education, and support to foster the development of
18 strong, smart, and bold leaders; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the annual Girl Scout Cookie season is a beloved
20 tradition that not only brings Jacksonville's community together but
21 also teaches young entrepreneurs vital life skills such as goal
22 setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and
23 business ethics; and

24 **WHEREAS,** the Girl Scout Cookie season for 2025 begins with
25 initial orders on January 2nd, with cookie booths opening on February
26 7th, and sales concluding on March 16th, marking a significant
27 opportunity for the community to support local Girl Scouts in their
28 endeavors; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the proceeds from Girl Scout Cookie sales stay local
30 and provide funding for educational programs, community service
31 projects, outdoor adventures, and scholarships that directly benefit

1 the girls and their communities; and

2 **WHEREAS,** Girl Scouts USA celebrates March 12th to commemorate
3 the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low registered the first 18 Girl
4 Scouts in Savannah, Georgia, and Girl Scout Week is a time to
5 celebrate the organization's history and traditions; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc., established
7 in 1927, has a rich history of serving the community and fostering
8 leadership and in 2025 will celebrate 98 years of friendship and
9 making the world a better place; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council embodies the values
11 of leadership, service, and inclusion that align with the City of
12 Jacksonville's commitment to fostering a thriving and engaged
13 community; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends Girl
16 Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. for their tireless efforts to inspire
17 and empower young women throughout Jacksonville and the State of
18 Florida and applauds the dedication of the volunteers, parents and
19 supporters who make those organizations successful in their mission
20 to build future leaders and strong communities.

21 **Section 2.** The City Council hereby declares January 2 -
22 March 16, 2025, as "Girl Scout Cookie Season" in Jacksonville and
23 encourages citizens to participate in this cherished tradition.

24 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
26 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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