

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-259**

5 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S
6 SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR DESANTIS'S EXECUTIVE ORDER
7 NUMBER 25-44 AND VOLUNTARILY REQUESTING A
8 FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE CITY OF
9 JACKSONVILLE/DUVAL COUNTY'S BUDGET AND
10 EXPENDITURES BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
11 GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
12 DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2025, Governor DeSantis issued
15 Executive Order Number 25-44 establishing within the Office of Policy
16 and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG), an EOG
17 Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Team; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Executive Order Number 25-44 specifies, in part, that
19 the EOG DOGE Team shall be responsible for "recommending legislative
20 reforms to promote efficiency, maximize productivity, and eliminate
21 waste in state and local government"; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Executive Order Number 25-44 also requires state
23 agencies to establish an Agency DOGE Team with a number of
24 responsibilities aimed at promoting efficiency, maximizing
25 productivity, and eliminating waste including by identifying any
26 pending or funded federal grant awards that are inconsistent with the
27 policies of the State of Florida and that should be returned to the
28 American taxpayer; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Executive Order Number 25-44 further stipulates that
30 State Agency DOGE Teams shall also consider and make recommendations
31 regarding how modern technology can be leveraged to eliminate

1 duplication of services, reduce fees, and cut overhead; and

2 **WHEREAS**, in keeping with Executive Order Number 25-44, and
3 ongoing efforts to identify and eliminate waste and fraud, the
4 Jacksonville City Council wishes to partner with the Florida
5 Department of Government Efficiency to ensure fiscal responsibility
6 and transparency in spending taxpayer money; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its support of
9 Governor DeSantis's Executive Order Number 25-44 and the State of
10 Florida's effort to review local spending and financial practices,
11 and hereby voluntarily requests a financial audit of the City of
12 Jacksonville/Duval County's budget and expenditures by the Florida
13 Department of Government Efficiency.

14 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

21 Office of General Counsel

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