

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Howland, Salem, Gaffney, Jr., Bowman, Pittman, Becton,
3 DeFoor, Newby, Morgan, Priestly Jackson, Clark-Murray, Carlucci,
4 White, Boylan and Carrico:

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7 **RESOLUTION 2023-322-A**

8 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
9 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS 31ST
10 ANNUAL "STAMP OUT HUNGER" FOOD DRIVE OCCURRING
11 ON MAY 13, 2023, AND URGING THE JACKSONVILLE
12 COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART BY LEAVING NON-PERISHABLE
13 FOOD DONATIONS BY THEIR MAILBOX ON SATURDAY, MAY
14 13TH; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
15 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **WHEREAS,** currently there are more than 42 million Americans
18 who are unsure where their next meal will come from, of which more
19 than 12 million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall
20 health and ability to perform in school; and

21 **WHEREAS,** nearly 5.2 million seniors over age 60 are food
22 insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often required to make
23 a choice between paying for medication or purchasing food; and

24 **WHEREAS,** the National Association of Letter Carriers ("NALC")
25 National Food Drive is the outgrowth of a long-standing tradition of
26 community service exhibited repeatedly by members of the letter
27 carrier union over the years; and

28 **WHEREAS,** letter carriers throughout the country visit
29 neighborhoods in every town six (now seven) days a week and have made
30 it their mission to get involved in helping their communities, whether
31 it be collecting funds for charities such as the Muscular Dystrophy

1 Association, watching over the elderly through the Carrier Alert
2 program, assisting the American Red Cross during times of disaster,
3 or rescuing victims of fires, crimes, and other mishaps; and

4 **WHEREAS,** for many years, several branches of the NALC have
5 collected food for those in need as part of their community service
6 efforts by making additional runs on their routes after hours; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the national coordinated effort by the NALC to help
8 fight hunger in America began in October of 1991 when a pilot food
9 drive was held in ten cities throughout the country, with the City
10 of Jacksonville proudly included amongst the original ten
11 participating cities; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the pilot food drive proved to be so successful that
13 work commenced immediately to make it a nationwide effort and over
14 the course of its 30-year history the NALC food drive has collected
15 over 1.82 billion pounds of food for those in need; and

16 **WHEREAS,** the NALC food drive occurs annually on the second
17 Saturday in May, and this year the 31st Annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Food
18 Drive will occur on May 13, 2023, when letter carriers across the
19 country will collect non-perishable food donations that will go
20 directly to several local food pantries; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes and commends
23 the National Association of Letter Carriers on its 31st Annual "Stamp
24 Out Hunger" Food Drive as our letter carriers fight to assist citizens
25 in meeting one of the most basic human needs. The Council urges
26 members of the Jacksonville community to take part in the NALC's Food
27 Drive by placing non-perishable food donations in a bag by their
28 mailboxes on Saturday, May 13th.

29 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
30 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
31 of this Resolution is requested in order to recognize the 31st Annual

1 "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive which occurs on May 13, 2023, in a
2 timely manner.

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

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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