

## **RESOLUTION NO: 2023-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE HONORING HOWARD I. KORMAN FOR HIS CAREER OF SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE; REQUESTING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION AT THE REQUEST OF KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.106, *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO NAME THE BOARD ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE BUILDING LOCATED AT 1095 A. PHILIP RANDOLPH BOULEVARD, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32206, THE “HOWARD I. KORMAN BOARD ROOM”; AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND FILE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, Howard I. Korman is the true definition of a community steward, and his commitment to the children and youth of the City of Jacksonville spans decades of generations of families who may not know his name, may not have ever met him, but should know that their lives are better today because Mr. Korman cares so deeply about those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Korman has always felt strongly about improving the quality of early literacy and the learning services for Jacksonville’s youngest citizens paying special attention to children and youth living in low-income neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, one leading example of Mr. Korman’s unwavering commitment to children and youth was his time, talent, and dedication he gave while he served on the board of The Early Learning Coalition (“ELC”) for two terms being very involved in developing the Central Agency for the ELC and being very instrumental on creating a “Quality Rating System”; and

**WHEREAS**, while serving on the ELC board, Mr. Korman became involved on the Mayor’s Jacksonville Early Literacy Partnership also known as “JELP”; and

**WHEREAS**, during Mr. Korman’s tenure with JELP, he exhibited the courage to do what was right for our children and youth, unyielding energy, unparalleled intelligence and talent beyond belief, and a drive to realize the JELP shared vision that “every child enter kindergarten ready to read, ready to learn, and ready to succeed!”; and

**WHEREAS**, as a long-time leading advocate for children and youth, Mr. Korman also was one of the first leaders in Jacksonville to stand up and say Jacksonville needed a focused commission that served the children and youth of Jacksonville – no matter what neighborhood they came from, what their family’s status in the community was, or what their need was – great or small; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Korman stood next to such great leaders as former Mayor Ed Austin to lead Jacksonville forward by creating the Jacksonville Children's Commission in 1994, where he eventually served on the board and chaired it, taking it to a level of excellence that was modeled around the state of Florida and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Korman was also instrumental in working with Mayor Lenny Curry, other City leaders, and non-profits to revamp the Jacksonville Children's Commission by forming a new City agency known as Kids Hope Alliance, the lead City agency responsible for implementing a comprehensive and integrated system of essential programs and services to address the critical needs of children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Korman was also recognized through his work with children and families across Jacksonville, and he was one of the first to shed light on a crisis looming in our city that was not receiving the attention that it deserved: that of the infant mortality rate; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Korman chaired an important task force organized by Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. (JCCI) to not only study the high infant mortality rate issue, but implement policies and programs to address this tragic situation, and because of Mr. Korman's ability to turn from thought to action to results many lives of children have been spared; and

**WHEREAS**, today, many people across our community rally and support issues related to those in need – especially our most vulnerable – but Mr. Korman did more than talk about the sorrows and the woes of those in need, he stood tall and rallied those in powerful positions to make things happen; and

**WHEREAS**, it can truly be said that but for Howard I. Korman, Jacksonville's children and youth would not be receiving the attention, commitment, and resources this community places on them today; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of Mr. Korman's long career of service to the children and youth of the City of Jacksonville, Kids Hope Alliance desires to name the Kids Hope Alliance board room on the second floor of the city-owned building located at 1095 A. Philip Randolph Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32206, the "Howard I. Korman Board Room"; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by Kids Hope Alliance (the "Board"):

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Board finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Legislative approval.** The Board requests the Council President to introduce legislation at the request of the Board pursuant to Section 3.106, *Ordinance Code*, to honor Howard I. Korman for his decades long career of service to the children and youth of the City of Jacksonville by naming the Kids Hope Alliance board room on the second floor of the city-owned building located at 1095 A. Philip Randolph Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32206, the "Howard I. Korman Board Room".

**Section 3. Office of General Counsel authorization.** The Board authorizes the Office of General Counsel to file the legislation requested in Section 2 above.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution 2023 01 shall become effective upon its approval by the Board on February 22, 2023.

ADOPTED:



Board Vice Chair

2/22/2023

Date

VOTE: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0  
(6 Members Present)

Abstained: 0