

1 Co-Introduced by Council President Freeman at the request of the  
2 Mayor and Kids Hope Alliance and Co-Sponsored by Council Members  
3 Salem, Ferraro and Becton:  
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6 **ORDINANCE 2023-151-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE  
8 ACHIEVEMENTS OF HOWARD I. KORMAN IN SERVING THE  
9 CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE  
10 BY NAMING THE BOARD ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF  
11 THE KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE BUILDING, LOCATED AT 1095  
12 A. PHILIP RANDOLPH BOULEVARD, JACKSONVILLE,  
13 FLORIDA 32206, THE "HOWARD I. KORMAN BOARD  
14 ROOM"; WAIVING SECTION 122.102 (A) (NAMING OF  
15 AND SIGNAGE ON PUBLIC FACILITIES REGULATED),  
16 *ORDINANCE CODE*, REGARDING THE NAMING OF PUBLIC  
17 FACILITIES AFTER LIVING PEOPLE; PROVIDING AN  
18 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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20 **WHEREAS**, Howard I. Korman is the true definition of a community  
21 steward, and his commitment to the children and youth of the City of  
22 Jacksonville spans decades of generations of families who may not  
23 know his name, may not have ever met him, but should know that their  
24 lives are better today because Mr. Korman cares so deeply about those  
25 in need; and

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

30 **WHEREAS**, one leading example of Mr. Korman's unwavering  
31 commitment to children and youth was his time, talent, and dedication

1 he gave while he served on the board of The Early Learning Coalition  
2 ("ELC") for two terms being very involved in developing the Central  
3 Agency for the ELC and being very instrumental on creating a "Quality  
4 Rating System"; and

5 **WHEREAS,** while serving on the ELC board, Mr. Korman became  
6 involved on the Mayor's Jacksonville Early Literacy Partnership also  
7 known as "JELP"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21           **WHEREAS**, in honor of Mr. Korman's long career of service to  
22 the children and youth of the City of Jacksonville, the Mayor, the  
23 City Council, and Kids Hope Alliance desire to name the Kids Hope  
24 Alliance board room on the second floor of the Kids Hope Alliance  
25 building located at 1095 A. Philip Randolph Boulevard, Jacksonville,  
26 Florida 32206, the "Howard I. Korman Board Room"; and

27           **WHEREAS**, a copy of the Kids Hope Alliance board resolution  
28 from its meeting held on February 22, 2023, is attached hereto as  
29 **Exhibit 1**; now therefore

30           **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

31           **Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals above are true and

1 correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

2           **Section 2. Kids Hope Alliance Board Room Named the "Howard**  
3 **I. Korman Board Room"**. The Kids Hope Alliance board room on the second  
4 floor of the Kids Hope Alliance building located at 1095 A. Philip  
5 Randolph Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32206, is hereby named the  
6 "Howard I. Korman Board Room" in honor and recognition of Mr. Korman's  
7 decades long career of service to the children and youth of the City  
8 of Jacksonville.

9           **Section 3. Waiver of Section 122.102(a), Ordinance Code.**  
10 Section 122.102(a) (Naming of and signage on public facilities  
11 regulated), *Ordinance Code*, prohibiting a public facility in the City  
12 from being named after any living person, is hereby waived to allow  
13 for the board room referenced in Section 2 above to be named in honor  
14 of Howard I. Korman, a living person.

15           **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall  
16 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming  
17 effective without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

22 Office of General Counsel

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