

Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Amaro, Pittman, Salem, Arias and Miller and substituted by the Rules Committee:

RESOLUTION 2025-115-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING DAWN LOPEZ FOR HER NEARLY THREE DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO JOURNALISM AS A MORNING ANCHOR AT ACTION NEWS JAX AND TO THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY AND EXTENDING BEST WISHES FOR HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Dawn Lopez, a Jacksonville native who earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Media Studies from the University of North Florida, has served as a morning anchor at Action News Jax for over 20 years, delivering news and information to the community with professionalism and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez began her television career as an associate producer with WJXT Channel 4 and moved to WGHP-TV in the Piedmont Triad of North Carolina as a consumer/investigative reporter for several years, before returning to Jacksonville in 1998; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Ms. Lopez has conducted exclusive interviews on significant stories, providing in-depth coverage and insights that have informed and engaged viewers; and

WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in facilitating the adoption of hundreds of children by collaborating with Family Support Services, demonstrating her commitment to the welfare of children in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez is an active member of several community organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the

1 National Association of Black Journalists, Making Strides First
2 Coast, the March of Dimes (serving as a Family Ambassador), Family
3 Support Services, Girls Inc., Dignity U Wear and the Jacksonville
4 Urban League; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Lopez's dedication to advocating for children has
6 earned her numerous awards, reflecting her passion for using her
7 platform to give a voice to the voiceless; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Lopez is a proud mother to her children, Dwight
9 and Devany Burgess, whom she has raised with love and dedication; and

10 **WHEREAS,** after nearly three decades of exemplary service in
11 Jacksonville, Dawn Lopez has announced her departure from Action News
12 Jax to pursue a new chapter in her life, expressing her sentiment,
13 "It's not goodbye. I'll see you around."; and

14 **WHEREAS,** her contributions have left a lasting impact on
15 journalism and the Jacksonville community, inspiring colleagues and
16 viewers alike; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends Dawn Lopez for
19 her nearly three decades of dedicated service as a morning anchor at
20 Action News Jax, acknowledging her significant contributions to
21 journalism and to the Jacksonville community, and extends best wishes
22 for her future endeavors.

23 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research