

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Johnson, Amaro, Peluso,
2 Salem, Howland, Diamond, White and Boylan and Co-Sponsored by Council
3 Members Arias, J. Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray, Freeman, Gaffney,
4 Jr., Gay, Lahnen, Miller and Pittman and twice amended on the Floor
5 of Council:
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8 **RESOLUTION 2024-260-A**

9 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING SUSAN
10 GRANDIN ON HER LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER
11 WITH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL; REQUESTING
12 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
13 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, Susan Grandin, a native of Atlanta, earned her
16 bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of
17 Florida and her law degree from the Walter F. George School of Law
18 at Mercer University; and

19 **WHEREAS**, following her graduation from UF, Ms. Grandin was a
20 practicing landscape architect with The Haskell Company and Reynolds,
21 Smith and Hills for 9 years before attending law school, after which
22 she joined the Office of General Counsel (OGC) in 1992 and served 5
23 years in the Environmental and Land Use Department, including serving
24 as counsel to the Jacksonville Planning Commission and the Historic
25 Preservation Commission; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Susan Grandin left the OGC to become the Northeast
27 Florida Field Office Director for the Trust for Public Land and later
28 opened a private law practice, The Preservation Law Group, which
29 advised clients in land use and real estate matters, particularly the
30 preservation and protection of military installations and civil
31 airports from the encroachment of incompatible land uses; and

1 **WHEREAS**, from 2012-2014, Ms. Grandin worked at the Florida
2 Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee as the Director
3 of the Division of State Lands for the State of Florida, serving as
4 staff to the Governor and Cabinet and handling all real estate matters
5 for the 12 million acres of land, both upland and submerged, owned
6 by the State; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 2014 Ms. Grandin returned to the Office of General
8 Counsel where she has worked for the past 10 years serving a variety
9 of clients with her particular expertise in land use, environmental
10 and historic preservation law and policy, including serving as legal
11 counsel to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, the Jacksonville
12 Tree Commission, several Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory
13 Boards, the Subdivision Standards Advisory Committee, the Context
14 Sensitive Streets Standards Committee, and the Land Use and Zoning
15 Committee; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Susan Grandin has long been extremely active in
17 organizations dedicated to good urban design, historic preservation,
18 and civic pride, including membership and leadership positions in
19 such organizations as the Urban Land Institute, Congress for the New
20 Urbanism, Riverside Avondale Preservation, JaxPride, Jacksonville
21 Community Council Inc., and the Memorial Park Association, to name
22 just a few; and

23 **WHEREAS**, after serving the City of Jacksonville and its
24 citizens with integrity, expertise and wise counsel for nearly 20
25 years, Ms. Grandin has announced her retirement from the Office of
26 General Counsel, and the City Council wishes to express its gratitude
27 for her outstanding service; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
30 attorney Susan Grandin for her long and distinguished career with the
31 Office of General Counsel and extends its gratitude for her service

1 and its best wishes for her future happiness. Her knowledge, wise
2 counsel and friendship are greatly appreciated and will be sorely
3 missed by all who had the pleasure to know and work with her.

4 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
5 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
6 introduction of this legislation is requested so that Susan Grandin
7 can be presented with this Resolution at a private retirement
8 celebration on March 27, 2024.

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

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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