

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Peluso, Amaro, Arias,  
2 Pittman, Lahnen, and Gaffney, Jr. and Co-Sponsored by Council Members  
3 J. Carlucci, Salem, Johnson, Miller, White, Freeman, Gay, Boylan and  
4 Howland:

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7 **RESOLUTION 2025-881-A**

8 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S  
9 STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE JOHN T.  
10 ALSOP JR. BRIDGE (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MAIN  
11 STREET BRIDGE) FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL  
12 REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES; ENCOURAGING THE  
13 PLANNING DEPARTMENT, THE JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC  
14 PRESERVATION COMMISSION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
15 PUBLIC WORKS TO COLLABORATE AND PREPARE A  
16 NOMINATION SUBMITTAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
17 DATE.

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19 **WHEREAS**, the John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge, more commonly known to  
20 residents and visitors as the Main Street Bridge, is one of  
21 Jacksonville's most iconic and enduring civic landmarks, prominently  
22 featured in the city's skyline since its opening in 1941; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Main Street Bridge exemplifies Depression-era  
24 engineering excellence as a steel vertical lift bridge, constructed  
25 by the Mount Vernon Bridge Company and originally funded through a  
26 combination of local bonds and federal public works funding; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Main Street Bridge is the only remaining movable-  
28 span bridge in downtown Jacksonville and is the largest vertical lift  
29 bridge of its kind in the State of Florida, retaining a high degree  
30 of structural integrity and original design elements more than 80  
31 years after its completion; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Main Street Bridge has played a critical role in  
2 Jacksonville's development by facilitating transportation, supporting  
3 economic growth on both banks of the St. Johns River, and linking  
4 neighborhoods that were once separated by water; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the State Historic Preservation Office previously  
6 deemed the Main Street Bridge eligible for listing on the National  
7 Register of Historic Places due to its engineering significance and  
8 contribution to Jacksonville's mid-20th century urban expansion; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Main Street Bridge continues to serve thousands of  
10 commuters daily and has become instrumental to Jacksonville's civic  
11 and visual iconography, appearing consistently in imagery that  
12 represents the city, and serving as a defining feature of branding  
13 efforts including its prominent inclusion in the official logo for  
14 Super Bowl XXXIX, which affirmed its role as one of Jacksonville's  
15 most essential and enduring symbols; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation has committed  
17 nearly \$100 million in infrastructure upgrades, including a  
18 comprehensive repainting project scheduled for 2028, to rehabilitate  
19 and reinforce the structural integrity of the Main Street Bridge,  
20 ensuring its safe operation and iconic presence for another century  
21 or more; and

22           **WHEREAS**, this substantial state investment underscores Florida's  
23 recognition of the Main Street Bridge's enduring value as a critical  
24 transportation asset and engineering landmark, compelling the City  
25 of Jacksonville to complement these efforts by pursuing listing on  
26 the National Register of Historic Places to honor its historical and  
27 cultural legacy for future generations; and

28           **WHEREAS**, listing on the National Register of Historic Places  
29 would formally recognize the Main Street Bridge's historical and  
30 cultural importance, open opportunities for preservation funding, and  
31 strengthen the City's efforts to protect and celebrate its

1 architectural heritage; now therefore

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

3 **Section 1.** The City Council expresses its strong support  
4 for the nomination of the John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge (the Main Street  
5 Bridge) for listing on the National Register of Historic Places,  
6 recognizing the structure's historic and engineering significance and  
7 its role in shaping Jacksonville's civic identity.

8 **Section 2.** The City Council encourages the Planning  
9 Department, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, and  
10 the Department of Public Works to collaborate with the State Historic  
11 Preservation Office, the Florida Department of Transportation, and  
12 qualified preservation professionals to prepare and submit a complete  
13 nomination for listing the John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge (the Main Street  
14 Bridge) on the National Register of Historic Places.

15 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
17 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

23 Legislation Prepared By: Cory Armstrong, Executive Council Assistant

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