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Introduced by Council Member Amaro and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Freeman, Salem, Peluso, White, Boylan, Howland, Miller and Clark-Murray:

RESOLUTION 2024-258-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100^{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, founded on April 7, 1924, United Way of Northeast Florida has supported families in need, offering hope and creating opportunities to help them thrive; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Northeast Florida strives to ensure that our most vulnerable residents have access to basic needs like housing and nutrition, can improve their financial well-being, and live in an equitable community; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Northeast Florida offers essential supportive programs, including but not limited to the 211 informational and referral hotline; Mission United to help active military, Veterans and their families; the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline; and Full Service Schools that connect students and families to a critical range of therapeutic, health and social services; and

whereas, United Way of Northeast Florida prioritizes education, job training and financial stability to break the cycle of generational poverty through the Achievers For Life dropout prevention program, RealSense's asset-building initiatives and free tax preparation services, and Success By 6 that offers scholarships for high-quality early learning to hardworking families who do not qualify for state subsidies; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Northeast Florida focuses on systemic

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change, leadership development and racial equity to eliminate disparities that limit potential; now therefore

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

Section 1. The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the 100th Anniversary of United Way of Northeast Florida and looks forward to the celebration of this milestone at the site of the first United Way of Northeast Florida rally, James Weldon Johnson Park, on April 13th. Jacksonville City Council appreciates United Way's century of service to our city and their unwavering efforts to create a community of opportunity where everyone has hope and can reach their full potential.

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

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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