

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Johnson and Carlucci and amended on the Floor of Council:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-56-D**

6 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALL LOCAL MEDIA
7 ORGANIZATIONS, JOURNALISTS, REPORTERS, EDITORS,
8 AND STAFF FOR KEEPING JACKSONVILLE INFORMED AND
9 FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CITY; PROVIDING
10 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, over the past two decades, the number of “news desert
13 counties” that lack consistent local reporting has steadily
14 increased; and

15 **WHEREAS**, local media is an invaluable source for trusted
16 information about our communities, our leadership, our cities and the
17 world, providing a shared window into what is happening inside our
18 city halls, sports arenas and on our Main Streets; and

19 **WHEREAS**, local reporters immerse themselves into the fabric of
20 a city, become local experts about crime, weather, business, sports
21 and politics, and act as a reliable conduit of information to keep
22 the public rightfully informed; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville residents trust local news outlets, and
24 benefit from a robust assortment of organizations dedicated to
25 delivering the news every day, in print, digitally, on television and
26 on the radio; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends all local media
29 organizations, journalists, reporters, editors and staff for their
30 dedication to keeping the public informed. Our city is made stronger
31 through the information gathered and conveyed by Jacksonville’s local

1 media.

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

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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