

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico,
3 Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland, Lahnen,
4 Miller, Peluso, Pittman, Salem and White and twice amended on the
5 Floor of Council:
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8 **RESOLUTION 2025-82-A**

9 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
10 SENSELESS KILLING OF BREON LEE ALLEN, JR.;
11 CALLING ON JACKSONVILLE CITIZENS, OFFICIALS AND
12 ORGANIZATIONS TO RALLY AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE;
13 EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE
14 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ITS
15 INVESTIGATION OF THIS HEINOUS CRIME; HONORING
16 BREON LEE ALLEN, JR.'S LIFE; REQUESTING
17 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
18 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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20 **WHEREAS**, Breon Lee Allen, Jr., a bright and beloved 7-year-old
21 boy, tragically lost his life on Friday, January 19, 2025, as the
22 youngest victim of gun violence in Jacksonville this year; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Breon was murdered by gunfire in a senseless act of
24 violence on Commonwealth Avenue, which critically injured his
25 21-year-old cousin, further devastating his family and community; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Breon's untimely death has left his family, friends
27 and neighbors mourning the loss of a young life filled with promise
28 and potential, while also showing the continued prevalence of gun
29 violence in our city; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the profound impact of
31 this tragedy on our community and the urgent need to address the

1 systemic issues contributing to such violence; and

2 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office continues to
3 investigate the incident and urges anyone with information to come
4 forward to ensure justice is served; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Breon Lee Allen, Jr.'s death underscores the critical
6 importance of collective action to create safer communities and ensure
7 that no other family has to endure such a heartbreaking loss; now
8 therefore

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

10 **Section 1. Statement of Condolences.** The City Council
11 hereby expresses its deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to
12 the family, friends and loved ones of Breon Lee Allen, Jr. His life,
13 though tragically short, will be remembered with love and honor.

14 **Section 2. Call to Action Against Gun Violence.** The City
15 Council calls upon all residents, community organizations, faith
16 leaders, law enforcement agencies and city officials to work
17 collaboratively to address and reduce gun violence in our City. Let
18 this tragedy serve as a rallying cry for unity and action.

19 **Section 3. Commitment to Justice.** The City Council
20 supports the ongoing efforts of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to
21 investigate this heinous crime and encourages all residents to assist
22 by providing information that may lead to the apprehension and
23 prosecution of those responsible.

24 **Section 4. Honoring Breon Lee Allen, Jr.'s Life.** The City
25 Council encourages the community to come together in remembrance of
26 Breon Lee Allen, Jr. by fostering safe spaces for children, promoting
27 youth programs and supporting initiatives aimed at violent crime
28 prevention.

29 **Section 5. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
30 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
31 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the

1 emergency is that the City Council wishes to address this tragic
2 incident and commemorate the loss of a young life in a timely manner.

3 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

10 Office of General Counsel

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