

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Peluso, Johnson, Salem, J.
2 Carlucci and Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Freeman,
3 Amaro and Miller:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-570-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING LLOYD
8 WASHINGTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
9 DURKEEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FOR HIS
10 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESERVATION
11 AND CELEBRATION OF JACKSONVILLE'S AFRICAN
12 AMERICAN HISTORY AND HERITAGE; PROVIDING AN
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, the City Council of Jacksonville wishes to recognize
16 individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to
17 the cultural, historical, and educational enrichment of our city; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Lloyd Washington has served as President of the
19 Durkeeville Historical Society since 2011, joining the organization
20 in 2008, and has dedicated himself to preserving the legacy of
21 Jacksonville's historically Black neighborhoods, including
22 Durkeeville and LaVilla; and

23 **WHEREAS**, under Mr. Washington's leadership, the Durkeeville
24 Historical Society has grown into a respected cultural institution,
25 curating historical exhibits, leading educational tours, and engaging
26 in public history initiatives that have informed, inspired, and
27 empowered residents of all backgrounds; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington's work was instrumental in securing
29 historic designation for the Durkeeville neighborhood in 2022,
30 formally recognizing it as Jacksonville's first historically African
31 American neighborhood, and ensuring its cultural and architectural

1 legacy is protected for future generations; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington played a pivotal role in the creation
3 of Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park, a cultural landmark located near
4 the childhood home of James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson,
5 where he advocated for more than 17 years to see the project come to
6 fruition, ultimately dedicating the park with historical markers and
7 a vision for public art and civic memory; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington has been a tireless advocate for the
9 preservation and revitalization of J.P. Small Memorial Stadium, a
10 historic Negro Leagues ballpark in Durkeeville, helping secure
11 \$500,000 in state funding in 2018 and supporting ongoing renovations
12 including an expanded museum exhibit titled "The Legend of Black
13 Baseball," preserving the legacies of Hank Aaron, the Jacksonville
14 Red Caps, and many others; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his work with the Durkeeville Historical
16 Society, Mr. Washington served as President of the Grand Park
17 Community Association for 16 years, where he advocated for
18 infrastructure improvements, public safety, and neighborhood
19 revitalization in Northwest Jacksonville; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington has held numerous civic leadership
21 roles, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville
22 Housing Partnership, the Weed and Seed program, the Northwest
23 Jacksonville Community Development Council, and the Jacksonville City
24 Council Task Force on Civil Rights History; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington has demonstrated an unwavering
26 commitment to community engagement, historical preservation, and
27 public education, working tirelessly to ensure that the achievements,
28 struggles, and contributions of African Americans in Jacksonville are
29 remembered and honored; and

30 **WHEREAS**, his efforts have not only enhanced the cultural fabric
31 of Jacksonville but also helped foster a greater understanding and

1 appreciation for the city's diverse heritage; and

2 **WHEREAS,** the City Council recognizes Mr. Washington's
3 dedication, passion, and services as an inspiring example of civic
4 leadership and community pride; now therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
7 Lloyd Washington, Executive Director of the Durkeeville Historical
8 Society, for his outstanding service to the City of Jacksonville and
9 his exceptional contributions to the preservation of African American
10 history and heritage.

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

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Brandon Russell, City Council Research

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