

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Howland, Miller, Peluso,  
2 Carlucci, Amaro, Gay, Pittman, and Arias and Co-Sponsored by Council  
3 Members Carrico and Freeman:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2025-563-A**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CHANGE OF COMMAND  
8 AT NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE (NAS JAX),  
9 HONORING CAPT. GREGORY DEWINDT ON HIS RELIEVED  
10 COMMAND, AND WELCOMING CAPT. RYAN DEXTER TO HIS  
11 NEW ROLE, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE VITAL DUTIES OF  
12 A BASE COMMANDER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, a change of command marks the peaceful transfer of  
15 authority from one Commanding Officer to another, and is a time-  
16 honored naval tradition that ensures leadership continuity,  
17 operational readiness, and mission effectiveness; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the base commander serves as the senior officer in  
19 charge of all operations and personnel on base, providing leadership,  
20 overseeing safety and infrastructure, coordinating with local and  
21 federal partners, and ensuring mission success and community  
22 engagement; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX) is one of the  
24 U.S. Navy's premier installations, supporting the fleet and playing  
25 a critical role in the defense infrastructure of the southeastern  
26 United States; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Captain Gregory DeWindt, a native of Long Island, New  
28 York, enlisted in the United States Navy in 1991, earned his  
29 commission as an ensign in 1996, became a naval aviator in 1998, and  
30 has served in multiple operational and command tours, and in February  
31 2024, assumed command of NAS JAX as its 52<sup>nd</sup> Commanding Officer; and

1       **WHEREAS,** Captain Ryan Dexter, a native of Randolph, New York,  
2 graduated from Roberts Wesleyan College in 1995 with a Bachelor of  
3 Science in Biology, earned his naval aviator wings in 2001, and  
4 completed initial helicopter training in 2002, who currently serves  
5 as the Executive Officer of NAS JAX, will relive Capt. DeWindt in  
6 command effective August 14, 2025; now therefore

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

8       **Section 1.**       The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Capt.  
9 Gregory DeWindt for his leadership and dedication as commanding  
10 officer of NAS JAX, and thanks him for his service to the Fleet and  
11 the community, and congratulates Capt. Ryan Dexter on his upcoming  
12 assumption of command, and welcomes him in advance to his new role,  
13 expressing confidence in his leadership and commitment to NAS  
14 Jacksonville's mission.

15       **Section 2.       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:   Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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