

1 Introduced by Council Members Morgan, Carlucci, Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-44**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING KRISTI C.
6 SIKES FOR HER DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE CITY
7 COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF JACKSONVILLE ON THE
8 OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Kristi Cook Sikes, a native of Jacksonville, graduated
12 from Terry Parker High School and earned her bachelor's degree in
13 management from the University of North Florida; and

14 **WHEREAS**, after college graduation Ms. Sikes held several
15 positions at Barnett Bank, including Manager of Customer Service,
16 before following in her father's footsteps and entering public service
17 with the Jacksonville City Council. Ms. Sikes' father, Henry Cook,
18 served two terms on the City Council from 1979 to 1987, was twice
19 elected Council President by his colleagues (one of only a small
20 handful of members elected to multiple terms as President), and
21 thereafter served 14 years as the county Clerk of the Courts; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in June of 1992 Kristi Sikes was appointed Chief of
23 Council Administration, the division responsible for all
24 administrative support of the Council and its staff and operations,
25 including payroll and leave processing, hiring and on-boarding new
26 employees, insurance, procurement, property management and inventory
27 control, budgeting and accounting, memberships and subscriptions,
28 logistics, and other related functions; and

29 **WHEREAS**, for the past 30 years Ms. Sikes and her staff have been
30 the unseen foundation of the Council's operations, quietly and
31 efficiently keeping the paychecks coming and insurance policies in

1 force, paying the bills, ensuring that the offices are kept clean and
2 comfortable and the office equipment in good repair, the phones and
3 computers operating, the office supplies room fully stocked, the
4 budget submitted timely and accurately, records organized and
5 permanently stored, and otherwise managing the dozens of tasks, large
6 and small, that are needed to keep a large and complicated office
7 operating smoothly; and

8 **WHEREAS**, while such records are hard to research, it is believed
9 that Kristi Sikes may hold the current record for the longest tenure
10 of a City employee in the position into which they were originally
11 hired, a few months shy of 30 years in the position of Chief of
12 Administrative Services (the original job title having been changed
13 by Ordinance Code amendment in 2000); and

14 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Sikes has recently announced her retirement and
15 the Council wishes to express its appreciation for her long years of
16 dedicated service; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
19 Kristi Sikes for her three decades of outstanding service to the City
20 of Jacksonville and thanks her for her dedication and diligence in
21 service to the citizens of Jacksonville. The Council extends its very
22 best wishes for many years of health and happiness in her retirement.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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