

1 Introduced by Council Members Morgan, Carlucci, Ferraro and Co-
2 Sponsored by Council Members Carrico, Becton, Newby, DeFoor, Bowman,
3 Priestly Jackson, Freeman & Pittman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-44-A**

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

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

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

31 **WHEREAS**, for the past 30 years Ms. Sikes and her staff have been

1 the unseen foundation of the Council's operations, quietly and
2 efficiently keeping the paychecks coming and insurance policies in
3 force, paying the bills, ensuring that the offices are kept clean and
4 comfortable and the office equipment in good repair, the phones and
5 computers operating, the office supplies room fully stocked, the
6 budget submitted timely and accurately, records organized and
7 permanently stored, and otherwise managing the dozens of tasks, large
8 and small, that are needed to keep a large and complicated office
9 operating smoothly; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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