

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-180**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING BAPTIST HEALTH, FIRST
6 COAST NEWS AND MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER FOR
7 THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PREVENTION BY EARLY
8 DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER THROUGH THE BUDDY
9 CHECK 12 CAMPAIGN AND THE NEW, MOBILE
10 MAMMOGRAPHY BUDDY BUS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
11 DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, breast cancer is the second most diagnosed cancer in
14 women, affecting one in every eight women in the U.S., and is also
15 diagnosed in men, and because the best defense against breast cancer
16 is early detection, regular exams and mammograms are critically
17 important; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Jeannie Blaylock of First Coast News, after losing a
19 dear friend to breast cancer, took action to help prevent others from
20 a similar fate by partnering with Baptist Health more than 30 years
21 ago to bring about the Buddy Check campaign; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Buddy Check 12 has successfully served countless women
23 in promoting its simple but vital strategy of "getting a buddy" and
24 on the 12th of every month, known as Buddy Check Day, holding a buddy
25 accountable for self-exams and for regular mammograms and physicals;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, less than half of women in the U.S. get regular
28 mammograms due to lack of accessibility, lack of insurance, or an
29 inability to pay related costs, Baptist Health, Baptist MD Anderson
30 Cancer Center, and First Coast News raised \$1 million in funds needed
31 for a mobile mammography unit that will focus on helping women around

1 the First Coast discover breast cancer at early stages; and

2 **WHEREAS**, this mobile unit will be revealed on May 12, 2022, as
3 "the Buddy Bus" and will offer state-of-the-art 3D screening
4 mammography in a convenient and affordable setting with the goal to
5 save the lives of mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, best
6 friends, and loved ones across the First Coast; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends Jeannie
9 Blaylock, Baptist Health, and Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center for
10 all efforts leading to the creation of the Buddy Check 12 program and
11 the Buddy Bus. The program and this mobile mammography unit
12 demonstrate that screenings and early detection can save lives.

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

20 Office of General Counsel

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