

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-281**

5 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 28, 2022 AS  
6 "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN JACKSONVILLE IN  
7 RECOGNITION OF WORKERS INJURED OR KILLED IN THE  
8 WORKPLACE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, on December 28, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed  
11 into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went  
12 into effect on April 28, 1971; and

13 **WHEREAS**, despite the existence of OSHA, which was intended to  
14 provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and requires  
15 employers to provide safe conditions, tens of thousands of American  
16 workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease  
17 every year and tens of thousands more workers are permanently  
18 disabled, injured, or made ill; and

19 **WHEREAS**, various organizations including the Northeast Florida  
20 Safety Council, First Coast Manufacturers Association, Associated  
21 Builders and Contractors - First Coast Chapter, Northeast Florida  
22 Builders Association, American Society of Safety Professionals, and  
23 the employers these organizations represent are determined to prevent  
24 these tragedies and rededicate their efforts to improving workplace  
25 safety, seeking stronger health standard enforcement, and treating  
26 workers with dignity as constant improvements in worker safety are  
27 pursued; and

28 **WHEREAS**, each April, Workers' Memorial Day is observed as a day  
29 to remember those who have suffered and died on the job; and

30 **WHEREAS**, since 1989, workers, employers and local government  
31 leaders have gathered on April 28th to commemorate those who have

1 lost their lives while working to provide a good standard of living  
2 for their families and communities; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Americans can honor our workers by observing Workers'  
4 Memorial Day as a day to remember those victims of workplace injuries  
5 and disease and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and  
6 health in every American workplace; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby designates Thursday,  
9 April 28<sup>th</sup> to be "Workers' Memorial Day" in Jacksonville and asks all  
10 citizens to recognize and honor all workers killed, injured, and  
11 disabled on the job, thank them for their service, offer sympathy to  
12 their families and loved ones, and to respect today's workers by  
13 providing safe workplaces.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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/s/ Paige H. Johnston

21 Office of General Counsel

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