

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-378**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JAX GENTS FOR
6 WINNING THE 2022 STOMP WARS NATIONAL
7 CHAMPIONSHIP; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Alliance of Gentlemen Inc. (Jax Gents)
10 was established in 2016 by First Coast High School teacher Mari
11 Gloster with the mission to build leaders and strengthen scholars,
12 who serve in their schools and communities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Jax Gents hold monthly meetings and community
14 service events, offer mentorship opportunities, and have a 100%
15 graduation rate and college acceptance rate for all its students; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Jax Gents, recognized as America's best male high
17 school step team, earned a national title for its routine at the 2022
18 Stomp Wars National Championship on April 9 at the University of
19 Texas at Arlington College Park Arena in Arlington, Texas. This was
20 the first time an all-male program from Florida, the Southeast and
21 East Coast, won the national championship; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on the path to the 2022 championship, the Jax Gents
23 were selected from nearly 100 other submissions and earned the
24 opportunity to compete against the top 20 teams in the Nation. The
25 Jax Gents defeated the 13-time national champions, and the Rockteen
26 Youth Foundation, alongside other partners, awarded three senior Jax
27 Gents members with scholarships and other prizes; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the Jax
30 Gents for all they do for young men and our community. Jacksonville
31 City Council congratulates the Jax Gents step team upon the 2022

1 Stomp Wars National Championship.

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

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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