

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-385**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE  
7 LARRY ALEXANDER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **WHEREAS**, Lawrence James "Larry" Alexander, a Jacksonville  
10 native, graduated from New Stanton High School in 1966 and earned his  
11 bachelor's degree in sociology from Florida A&M University, where he  
12 was a proud member of the Marching 100, the FAMU Concert Band, and a  
13 member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alexander returned to Jacksonville after graduation  
15 to begin a stellar career with the City of Jacksonville as Project  
16 Director and later Director of the Walnut House Ex-Offender Program.  
17 His career advanced in local government when, in 1980, Mayor Jake  
18 Godbold appointed him as one of the first Black individuals in  
19 Jacksonville's history to receive a city appointment, as Chief of  
20 Advertising and Promotions in the Department of Recreation and Public  
21 Affairs; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alexander excelled in that position and received  
23 letters of commendation from the mayor for excellent performance. In  
24 1987, Mayor Godbold appointed him to the position of Deputy Director  
25 of the Recreation and Public Affairs Department, from which he retired  
26 in 1997 after twenty-six years of service to the city that he loved;  
27 and

28 **WHEREAS**, Larry Alexander was known by all as a sports fanatic,  
29 and was a very fine tournament-level tennis player and enthusiastic  
30 golfer and pool player. He also loved music and treasured time spent  
31 with family and friends; and

1           **WHEREAS**, during his retirement years, Mr. Alexander took great  
2 pride in developing and maintaining his more than 100-acre farm in  
3 North Florida with its sizeable pond stocked with fish. He also became  
4 involved in the purchase, rehabilitation and sale of single and multi-  
5 family properties. As the years passed, he became a grandfather and  
6 that became his passion; and

7           **WHEREAS**, with his recent passing, the City of Jacksonville has  
8 lost a man of strength, positivity and unassuming manner who lived a  
9 life of quiet leadership with great humor and dignity; now therefore

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

11           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
12 the life and accomplishments of Lawrence James "Larry" Alexander and  
13 his devotion to the city and the people of Jacksonville, particularly  
14 through his nearly three decades of service to the city government.  
15 His contributions to his community will be long and gratefully  
16 remembered by all who had the honor to know him.

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

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21 Form Approved:

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23   /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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