

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Becton, Freeman, Newby, Howland, Morgan, Dennis, Diamond &
3 Carrico:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-378-A**

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

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

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

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

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

31 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends the Jax

1 Gents for all they do for young men and our community. Jacksonville
2 City Council congratulates the Jax Gents step team upon the 2022
3 Stomp Wars National Championship.

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

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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