

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Becton, Diamond, Dennis & Gaffney:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-385-A**

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

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

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

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

1 with family and friends; and

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

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

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

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

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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