

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-470**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING SHERIFF
6 MIKE WILLIAMS FOR HIS THREE DECADES OF SERVICE
7 TO THE CITY AND CITIZENS OF JACKSONVILLE;
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Sheriff Mike Williams, a Jacksonville native, graduated
11 from Bishop Kenny High School, earned his Bachelor of Science degree
12 in multi-disciplinary studies at Liberty University in Virginia, and
13 participated in numerous other training and educational
14 opportunities, including studying at the FBI's National Executive
15 Institute; and

16 **WHEREAS**, after serving in the Florida Air National Guard, Mr.
17 Williams joined the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in 1991 and steadily
18 progressed through the ranks from a patrol officer to sergeant to
19 lieutenant and detective, during which time he had assignments as
20 diverse as the SWAT team, Seaport Security Unit, Gang Investigations
21 and Gun Crime Investigations units, and the "Offender Watch" program;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mike Williams was appointed as Assistant Division Chief
24 of the Narcotics and Vice Section in 2008-2010; was promoted to
25 Division Chief of Homeland Security/Narcotics-Vice in 2010-2013; and
26 was appointed Director of the Department of Investigations and
27 Homeland Security in 2012; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in 2015 the citizens of Jacksonville elected Mike
29 Williams as their Sheriff, and re-elected him to a second term in
30 2019; and

31 **WHEREAS**, since being elected to serve the City of Jacksonville

1 as its fifth Sheriff, Mike Williams has demonstrated his commitment
2 to driving down violent crime by leveraging newer technology including
3 body cameras and gunfire detection systems to solve crimes. He grew
4 the public's trust in the JSO through his mandate for enhanced
5 transparency, he continued to highlight the use of diversion
6 programming, and he increased mental health and special needs
7 awareness among officers and the public JSO serves; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Sheriff Williams continued the JSO's history of
9 promoting advanced training and the pursuit of accreditation for the
10 department in various specialties, ensuring that Jacksonville's law
11 enforcement personnel are meeting the highest objective standards for
12 preparedness and performance; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Sheriff Mike Williams recently announced his retirement
14 from the Office of Sheriff and the Council wishes to commend him on
15 his outstanding law enforcement career; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
18 Sheriff Mike Williams for three decades of outstanding service to the
19 citizens and the City of Jacksonville on the occasion of his
20 retirement. The Council extends its thanks on behalf of the people
21 of Jacksonville for his dedication to duty and commitment to the
22 safety and security of the city, and extends its best wishes for many
23 years of health and happiness.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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