

Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Howland, Salem, Becton, Newby, Diamond, DeFoor, Dennis, Priestly Jackson, Ferraro & Morgan:

RESOLUTION 2022-470-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING SHERIFF
MIKE WILLIAMS FOR HIS THREE DECADES OF SERVICE
TO THE CITY AND CITIZENS OF JACKSONVILLE;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mike Williams, a Jacksonville native, graduated from Bishop Kenny High School, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in multi-disciplinary studies at Liberty University in Virginia, and participated in numerous other training and educational opportunities, including studying at the FBI's National Executive Institute; and

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2015 the citizens of Jacksonville elected Mike Williams as their Sheriff, and re-elected him to a second term in

1 2019; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Lawsikia J. Hodges

Office of General Counsel

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