

Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Morgan, White, Salem, DeFoor, Bowman, Boylan, Diamond, Newby, Priestly Jackson, Ferraro, Howland, Becton, Freeman, R. Gaffney, Carrico, Cumber, Carlucci & Dennis:

RESOLUTION 2022-600-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FORMER CITY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STEVE WOODARD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Steve Woodard, a native of Hampton, Virginia, graduated from West Virginia University and spent a lifelong career in various aspects of the security, law enforcement and emergency preparedness professions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodard began his career working in security for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for 5 years, after which he began a long and distinguished career in the U.S. Secret Service in 1987. He held positions as Special Agent in the New York field office and Special Agent in Charge of the Richmond, VA, office. He was assigned to Secret Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and he also served as the liaison with the FBI for one year; and

WHEREAS, his career with the Secret Service was varied and exciting, with assignments ranging from security at the Salt Lake City Olympics in 2002 to overseeing security during the 2002 Super Bowl following the 9-11 terrorist attack, to working internationally in a variety of events around the world. From 2008 to 2013 he served as the top administrator in the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Washington, D.C., during which at various times he managed the National Response Coordination Center, National Watch Center, FEMA

1 Operations Center, Disaster Emergency Communications, and the Urban
2 Search and Rescue Program; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2013 Steve Woodard joined the City of Jacksonville
4 team as Director of Emergency Preparedness in the Fire and Rescue
5 Department and devoted another decade of his distinguished career to
6 helping ensure the safety and preparedness of the City of Jacksonville
7 and its citizens from potential human threats and natural disasters
8 of all kinds. He was the City's point person and key spokesman for
9 hurricane preparedness, flooding awareness, and other natural threats
10 and was responsible for overseeing the City's preparation,
11 prevention, response, recovery and mitigation efforts in an all-
12 hazards environment. He particularly helped to lead the City's
13 response to the COVID-19 pandemic and was instrumental in preparing
14 for and leading the recovery from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma; and

15 **WHEREAS**, throughout his long and varied career of public
16 service, Mr. Woodard's calm demeanor, encyclopedic knowledge, and
17 ethic of cooperation helped to ensure that fellow employees, the news
18 media, and the general public had great confidence in their
19 government's preparedness and ability to respond to any threat; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City was saddened to learn of the recent untimely
21 passing of Steve Woodard and desires to commemorate his decades of
22 public service; now therefore

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

24 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates
25 the long and distinguished public service career of former Director
26 of Emergency Preparedness Steve Woodard and recognizes his many
27 contributions to safety and security of the City of Jacksonville's
28 government and the citizens it represents. The Council extends to Mr.
29 Woodard's family, friends, and fellow employees its sincere
30 condolences on his passing. His countless contributions to the City
31 will be long and gratefully remembered.

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

4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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