

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-55**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING AGING TRUE
6 COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES ON 60 YEARS OF SERVICE
7 TO THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY AND ITS SENIOR
8 RESIDENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Aging True, one of Northeast Florida's largest non-
11 profit providers of senior services and a leader in enabling home-
12 based senior independence, was founded as the Cathedral Foundation
13 of Jacksonville, Inc. in 1962 by a group of St. John's Episcopal
14 Cathedral parishioners who were concerned about the health and welfare
15 of the elderly in Jacksonville. Their grassroots initiative expanded
16 in 1974 to include Urban Jacksonville, Inc. as a focused community
17 service division dedicated to the needs of seniors; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1991 the agency was designated as the Community Care
19 for the Elderly lead agency in Jacksonville and in 2005 added Senior
20 Connections, a dedicated nursing home diversion program developed by
21 the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) and the Florida Agency
22 of Health Care Administration (AHCA); and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 2008 the agency opened a licensed home health care
24 agency, Aging True Home Health, was designated as the administrator
25 of the Florida Self-Directed Care program for Northeast Florida by
26 Florida Department of Children & Families in 2009, and in 2019
27 expanded its services to Clay County, including the acquisition of
28 the four Clay County senior centers and the adult day care center
29 housed in the Green Cove Springs senior center; and

30 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, Cathedral Foundation of Jacksonville, Inc. and
31 Urban Jacksonville, Inc. formally changed its name to Aging True to

1 better reflect the services it provides and the seniors it serves.
2 The name "Aging True" speaks to the organization's support and
3 celebration of independent, graceful aging through its comprehensive
4 programs and services – what aging should be; and

5 **WHEREAS**, now in its 60th year, Aging True provides physical and
6 mental health care and wellness programs, delivers daily meals and
7 nutritional guidance to thousands of seniors through Meals on Wheels,
8 provides a continuum of in-home care to both seniors and their
9 caregivers, provides a wide range of recreational activities,
10 facilities and services to seniors in Clay County, and provides
11 lively, active independent senior living communities in its Cathedral
12 Residences in downtown Jacksonville; and

13 **WHEREAS**, as a result of its services provided by dedicated staff
14 and leaders in first-class facilities and at home, Aging True has
15 enabled tens of thousands of Jacksonville's seniors to live happy,
16 healthy, active lives over the past 6 decades and to continue to be
17 valued and productive members of society. That invaluable service to
18 seniors and their families and caregivers is worthy of recognition
19 and praise; now therefore

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

21 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
22 Aging True Community Senior Services on 60 years of outstanding care
23 for and service to our valued senior citizens and extends its best
24 wishes for many more decades of unmatched excellence in senior care.
25 The continued care for and inclusion of active seniors in the life
26 of the community demonstrates the value that their lives provide to
27 all generations.

28 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.
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1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

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