

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Morgan, Diamond, Ferraro, Newby, Becton and Howland:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-55-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING AGING TRUE  
7 COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES ON 60 YEARS OF SERVICE  
8 TO THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY AND ITS SENIOR  
9 RESIDENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, Aging True, one of Northeast Florida's largest non-  
12 profit providers of senior services and a leader in enabling home-  
13 based senior independence, was founded as the Cathedral Foundation  
14 of Jacksonville, Inc. in 1962 by a group of St. John's Episcopal  
15 Cathedral parishioners who were concerned about the health and welfare  
16 of the elderly in Jacksonville. Their grassroots initiative expanded  
17 in 1974 to include Urban Jacksonville, Inc. as a focused community  
18 service division dedicated to the needs of seniors; and

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

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

31 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, Cathedral Foundation of Jacksonville, Inc. and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

4 Office of General Counsel

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