

1 Introduced by Council Members Freeman, Salem, Ferraro, Pittman and  
2 Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Howland:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-192**

6 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FIRST COAST CRIME  
7 STOPPERS, INC. AS DUVAL COUNTY'S AGENT FOR THE  
8 PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR AND RECEIVING MONEY FROM  
9 THE FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS TRUST FUND PURSUANT  
10 TO SECTION 16.555, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, FOR A  
11 PERIOD OF 3 YEARS TO EXPIRE 2026; DIRECTING THE  
12 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO SEND A COPY OF  
13 THIS RESOLUTION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
14 OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, AND TO  
15 FIRST COAST CRIME STOPPERS, INC. UPON ITS  
16 ADOPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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18 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 16.555,  
19 *Florida Statutes*, has established a Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Attorney General's Office, Department of Legal  
21 Affairs (the "Department"), is authorized by the State of Florida to  
22 apply for state and federal grants which meet the purposes of  
23 advancing Crime Stoppers in the State of Florida and to deposit all  
24 such grant funds received in the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; and

25 **WHEREAS**, funds deposited in the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund are  
26 disbursed to units of local government upon application to the  
27 Department for funding assistance in accordance with Section 16.555  
28 (5) (a), *Florida Statutes*; and

29 **WHEREAS**, additionally, proceeds from court costs imposed  
30 pursuant to Section 938.06, *Florida Statutes*, shall be deposited into  
31 a separate account within the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund to be used

1 in the judicial circuit in which they were collected, as outlined in  
2 Section 16.555(5)(b), *Florida Statutes*; and

3 **WHEREAS**, any county may apply to the Department for a grant from  
4 the funds collected in the judicial circuit in which the County is  
5 located, however a grant may be awarded only to counties which are  
6 served by an official member of the Florida Association of Crime  
7 Stoppers, and may only be used to support Crime Stoppers and their  
8 programs; only one such official member shall be eligible for support  
9 within any county; and

10 **WHEREAS**, First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. is the one and only  
11 official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers in the  
12 Fourth Judicial Circuit serving Duval, Nassau, Baker, Bradford, Clay  
13 and Union Counties; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Council finds that designating First Coast Crime  
15 Stoppers, Inc. as the agent for Duval County for the purposes  
16 described herein to be a just and proper action to take; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1. First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. Endorsed as**  
19 **Duval County Agent.** The City of Jacksonville hereby endorses the  
20 efforts of First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. and designates First  
21 Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. as authorized agent for Duval County for  
22 the purpose of applying for, and receiving funds from, the Florida  
23 Crime Stoppers Trust Fund pursuant to Sections 16.555(5)(a) and  
24 (5)(b), *Florida Statutes*, for a period of three years to expire 2026.

25 **Section 2. Directive to Circulate.** The City Council  
26 Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to provide a copy  
27 of this Resolution to the Attorney General's Office, Department of  
28 Legal Affairs, and First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. upon its adoption.

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

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2 Form Approved:

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5 Office of General Counsel

6 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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