

1 Introduced by Council Members Freeman, Salem, Ferraro, Pittman and
2 Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Howland, White, Clark-
3 Murray and Carrico:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2023-192-A**

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

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

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

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

30 **WHEREAS**, additionally, proceeds from court costs imposed
31 pursuant to Section 938.06, *Florida Statutes*, shall be deposited into

1 a separate account within the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund to be used
2 in the judicial circuit in which they were collected, as outlined in
3 Section 16.555(5) (b), *Florida Statutes*; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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