

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-477**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING KENNETH E.
6 (KEN) LATHROP FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE
7 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AS THE CHIEF INFORMATION
8 OFFICER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS,** Ken Lathrop graduated from Phillips Community College
12 in Arkansas and from Arkansas State University with a bachelor's
13 degree in computer science; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Lathrop commenced his illustrious career with the
15 City of Jacksonville in August 1987 as an Assistant Applications
16 Analyst in the City's Information Technologies Division, rapidly
17 rising through the ranks due to his exceptional abilities, technical
18 acumen, and professional dedication; and

19 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Lathrop was instrumental in transitioning the
20 City's in-house financial system from the mainframe to a vendor
21 product, displaying a unique proficiency in financial systems, a
22 complex task that marked a critical milestone for the City's financial
23 management system; and

24 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Lathrop's innovative vision and leadership
25 resulted in the effective training of employees in new technologies,
26 the introduction of new roles and disciplines to the Division, and
27 the revamp of infrastructures and architectures, thus ensuring that
28 over 300 applications were converted or purchased, and ensuring the
29 continuous improvement of hundreds of City applications; and

30 **WHEREAS,** during his tenure as Chief Information Officer and
31 Division Chief of the Information Technologies Division, Ken Lathrop

1 successfully maintained up-to-date city technologies, ensured
2 stability during challenging times including major hurricanes and a
3 global pandemic that necessitated a huge shift to remote work and the
4 wide use of new communication technologies for thousands of City
5 employees, and initiated a successful college recruitment effort; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Lathrop served diligently in various areas within
7 the Division including Business Analysis, Project Management,
8 Operations, Server, Radios, Finance, and Security, leaving a lasting
9 mark with his contributions in every role; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Ken Lathrop, Chief Information Officer (CIO) and
11 Division Chief of the Information Technologies Division of the City
12 of Jacksonville, has faithfully served the citizens of Jacksonville
13 for nearly 36 years, demonstrating unwavering dedication, commitment,
14 and integrity; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
17 Kenneth E. (Ken) Lathrop on his nearly four decades of service to the
18 City of Jacksonville and its citizens in the Information Technologies
19 Division and his outstanding leadership of the division as its Chief
20 Information Officer since 2015. Mr. Lathrop has demonstrated
21 integrity, innovation and a true dedication to customer service during
22 his tenure, and the City is grateful for his commendable dedication
23 to public service. The City Council wishes him the best of health and
24 happiness in his retirement.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Cory Armstrong, City Council Research

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