

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-477-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING KENNETH E.
7 (KEN) LATHROP FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE
8 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AS THE CHIEF INFORMATION
9 OFFICER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS,** Ken Lathrop graduated from Phillips Community College
13 in Arkansas and from Arkansas State University with a bachelor's
14 degree in computer science; and

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

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

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

31 **WHEREAS,** during his tenure as Chief Information Officer and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Cory Armstrong, City Council Research

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