

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-259**

5 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE
6 NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS ASSOCIATION TO LOBBY
7 FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS
8 FOR THE SAFETY OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES;
9 DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
10 TO FORWARD COPIES OF THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION TO
11 THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA
12 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION; PROVIDING AN
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, the United States Postal Service provides an
16 invaluable service to every community and home in our nation, linking
17 individuals, families, businesses, and organizations with reliable
18 and affordable mail and package delivery service; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the front-line workers who have the greatest impact
20 on our mail service are the letter carriers who make deliveries to
21 every address; and

22 **WHEREAS**, there has been an alarming trend in recent years of
23 threats, attacks upon, and thefts from letter carriers in
24 Jacksonville, the State of Florida and across the United States; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Letter Carriers reported
26 that in Jacksonville last year, there were a dozen smash-and-grab
27 thefts and six postal workers attacked on the job, including two
28 letter carriers held at gunpoint; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in Florida between 2019 and 2022, the National
30 Association of Letter Carriers reported that over 100 letter carriers
31 were assaulted and 50 were the victims of robberies; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives has
2 introduced the bi-partisan Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (POLCA)
3 providing 7 billion dollars in funding for the Postal Service to
4 secure its infrastructure, including the installation of
5 high-security collection boxes and the replacement of items carried
6 by letter carriers with more secure electronic versions and to
7 increase prosecutions and penalties for threats to or assaults on
8 postal workers by designating prosecutors in each of the 93 U.S.
9 Attorney's Offices across the country to prosecute such activities;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council supports the safety and
12 protection of these vital public servants who serve the public every
13 day; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its support of
16 the efforts of the National Letter Carriers Association to lobby for
17 federal legislation to increase the safety and protection of employees
18 of the U.S. Postal Service, particularly letter carriers, in order
19 to protect these dedicated public servants and the vital service they
20 provide to every American household and business.

21 **Section 2. Direction to Legislative Services.** The
22 Council's Legislative Services Division is directed to forward copies
23 of this adopted Resolution to the members of Jacksonville's
24 Congressional Delegation.

25 **Section 3. 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

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