

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-300**

5 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 28, 2024 AS
6 "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN JACKSONVILLE IN
7 RECOGNITION OF WORKERS INJURED OR KILLED IN THE
8 WORKPLACE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, on December 29, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed
11 into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went
12 into effect on April 28, 1971; and

13 **WHEREAS**, despite the existence of OSHA, which was intended to
14 provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and requires
15 employers to provide safe conditions, tens of thousands of American
16 workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease
17 every year and tens of thousands more workers are permanently
18 disabled, injured, or made ill; and

19 **WHEREAS**, various organizations including the Northeast Florida
20 Safety Council, First Coast Manufacturers Association, Associated
21 Builders and Contractors - First Coast Chapter, Northeast Florida
22 Builders Association, American Society of Safety Professionals, and
23 the employers these organizations represent are determined to prevent
24 these tragedies and rededicate their efforts to improving workplace
25 safety, seeking stronger health standard enforcement, and treating
26 workers with dignity as constant improvements in worker safety are
27 pursued; and

28 **WHEREAS**, each April, Workers' Memorial Day is observed as a
29 day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job; and

30 **WHEREAS**, since 1989, workers, employers and local government
31 leaders have gathered on April 28th to commemorate those who have

1 lost their lives while working to provide a good standard of living
2 for their families and communities; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Americans can honor our workers by observing Workers
4 Memorial Day as a day to remember those victims of workplace injuries
5 and disease and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and
6 health in every American workplace; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby designates Saturday,
9 April 28, 2024 to be "Workers' Memorial Day" in Jacksonville and asks
10 all citizens to recognize and honor all workers killed, injured, and
11 disabled on the job, thank them for their service, offer sympathy to
12 their families and loved ones, and to respect today's workers by
13 providing safe workplaces.

14 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

21 Office of General Counsel

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