

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci, Salem, Johnson, Pittman,
2 Gaffney, Jr. and Miller:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-813**

5 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
6 LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL, REAFFIRMING THE CITY
7 COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS,
8 AND RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 24, 2024, AS LIGHTS ON
9 AFTERSCHOOL DAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS,** Lights on Afterschool, launched in October 2000 by
12 the Afterschool Alliance, is a nationwide event celebrating the
13 critical role afterschool programs play in the lives of children,
14 families, and communities; and

15 **WHEREAS,** afterschool programs help children and youth develop
16 new skills, provide academic support, build healthy relationships,
17 and keep kids safe during the hours when they are most at risk; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville is committed to supporting
19 and expanding access to quality afterschool programs that enhance the
20 well-being and academic success of young people; and

21 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville proudly joins its many
22 philanthropic and corporate partners throughout Northeast Florida in
23 supporting Lights on Afterschool, working together to ensure the
24 continued success and growth of afterschool programs in our region;
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26 **WHEREAS,** Lights on Afterschool is celebrating its 25th
27 anniversary this year, demonstrating the lasting positive impact the
28 Afterschool Alliance has on the future success of students and
29 afterschool advocacy; and

30 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville City Council recognizes the vital
31 role afterschool programs play in reducing juvenile crime, supporting

1 working families, and promoting social and emotional development; and
2 **WHEREAS**, October 24, 2024, will be recognized as Lights on
3 Afterschool Day in the City of Jacksonville, in celebration of this
4 important initiative and the programs that help shape the future of
5 our community's children; now therefore

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

7 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates the 25th
8 anniversary of Lights on Afterschool, commends the efforts of
9 afterschool programs in Jacksonville, reaffirms its commitment to
10 ensuring that all children have access to safe, high-quality
11 afterschool opportunities, and recognizes October 24, 2024, as Lights
12 on Afterschool Day in the City of Jacksonville.

13 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
15 without the Mayor's signature.
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17 Form Approved:
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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Cory Armstrong, Executive Council
22 Assistant

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