

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-816**

5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE STUDENTS FROM THE  
6 I'M A STAR FOUNDATION FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
7 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND THEIR EXEMPLARY  
8 REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.; PROVIDING AN  
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, established in 2010, the I'm A Star Foundation ("I'm  
12 A Star") offers service-learning programs for smart, talented and  
13 resilient youth between the ages of 12 to 18 years old, guiding the  
14 next generation of servant leaders to create solutions to improve our  
15 communities; and

16 **WHEREAS**, last month, twenty-five I'm A Star students were asked  
17 to speak in Washington, D.C. at the White House, to share their body  
18 of work on black youth, mental health and youth suicide, and to  
19 contemplate solutions to those issues; leaders in the White House and  
20 the Department of Health and Human Services were so impressed, the  
21 students may be invited back to assist further at the national level;  
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, the I'm A Star students provided assistance with a  
24 National Public Service Announcement on youth suicide, encouraging  
25 those in distress to reach out to the new 9-8-8 suicide hotline,  
26 doing the voiceovers in the advertisement, and sharing their own  
27 lived experiences; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the I'm A Star students also created a Public Service  
29 Announcement for the National Transportation Safety Board to promote  
30 safe driving; and

31 **WHEREAS**, former Duval County School Board Chair, the Honorable

1 Betty Seabrook Burney, has expanded her level of service as the  
2 Executive Director of I'm A Star Foundation in Duval County, giving  
3 selflessly to students throughout our community regardless of  
4 background or affiliation, and continues to recruit and train new  
5 generations of students to inspire others to be the best version of  
6 themselves; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends the students of  
9 the I'm A Star Foundation for their public service and for  
10 impressively representing Duval County in Washington, D.C. and  
11 extends their appreciation to the I'm A Star Foundation for giving  
12 students the opportunity for such a life changing trip and the support  
13 they need to succeed. The I'm A Star Foundation students deserve  
14 recognition and praise for their emerging leadership and their  
15 endeavors to increase mental health awareness and to decrease the  
16 social stigma related to asking for help.

17 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

24 Office of General Counsel

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